



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

Our Year 2 and Year 7 Activity Morning on Monday ensured that our week got off to a flying start. We all enjoyed learning basic greetings and animal names in French. We carried out several investigations to explore the properties of water (including creating clouds and red rain) in science. In our art lesson we worked together to create a stunning fish mural and in music we played a whole variety of samba instruments. The results of the Adventure Skills Academy session have already found their way home! The children were so mature and seemed thoroughly to enjoy each session which was ably led by Year 7 pupils along with their subject teachers.

Reverend Patrick led an assembly for Pre Prep on Tuesday morning. After reminding children about his job as vicar at Christchurch Eaton, he then told the story of *Jonah and the whale*.

### **Literacy**

This week's spelling focus is the split diagraph 'i split e'. We have been playing a variety of memory games (such as seeing how many i split e words we can write in one minute).

Our word building focus this week is 'ar'.

This week's common exception words are: school, friend, Mr, Mrs, because, again, water and climb. We are encouraging children to practise these on whiteboards early in the mornings and will give informal tests each Friday to see how they are getting on with spelling them correctly.

Little Red Hen: The children have been building their writing stamina and using an increasing range of punctuation marks when retelling the traditional story of the Little Red Hen.

We have also begun composing harvest prayers using a variety of adjectives.

### **Maths**

This week our focus has shifted back to numbers. We have been working on using the greater than and less than signs, positioning numbers on 'landmarked 0 -100 number lines' and really getting to grips with using a hundred square to add or subtract multiples of 10. Some of us have moved onto subtracting 11,12, 21 or 22 from 2-digit numbers.

### **Other lessons and activities**

We have had a geography focus in our topic lessons this week. We began by using Google Earth to zoom down to our school grounds. We found it quite a challenge to identify the different buildings which we are so familiar with at street level. We also discovered that the Nest did not exist when the image was taken. We have been identifying the countries (and their capital cities) which make up the United Kingdom and have located Norfolk and Norwich on maps.

In art lessons this week we have started work on our Autumn Fields paintings (inspired by David Hockney). We thoroughly enjoyed mixing a range of different autumn colours to ensure that every field was a different colour.

### **Grandparents' afternoon**

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents to the school next Friday. If you have not returned the form to let us know who will be visiting on this day, please do so by Monday; another copy of the form has been attached for your convenience. Thank you.

### **Staff update**

As many of you will know, Mrs Pritchard has been away from school for some time. Following a successful operation and recovery, Mrs Pritchard's continued absence is due to family illness. We are sure that you will join us in sending best wishes to her and her family at this time.

### **Request from Miss Bryant**

Please could you ensure that your child brings a full swimming kit to school, including goggles and swimming hats. Thank you.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 11th October – Thursday 18th October:** Pre Prep Science Week

**Tuesday 16th October – 4.00pm - 5.00pm:** Norfolk Children's Book Centre book sale in the library

**Thursday 18th October – 3.30 - 4.15 pm:** Year 2 Book and Bake Sale in the Nest

**Friday 19th October – 2.00pm-3.00pm:** Grandparents' afternoon in the Read Hall – further details to follow

**Tuesday 6th November – 8.45am- 3.00pm:** Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

**Monday 12th November:** Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

**Tuesday 13th November – 8.45am - 3.00 pm:** Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

**Thursday 15th November – 10.00 - 11.55 am:** Year 2 to Vue Cinema to see *Mary and the Witch's Flower* (based on *The Little Broomstick* by Mary Stewart)

**Friday 16th November – 1.30 - 3.00pm:** Big School Swim (parents welcome to attend)

**Thursday 6th December – 2.15pm - 3.15pm:** Year 2 Christmas Production

**Thursday 13th December – 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Carol Service at Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harris*