



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 26th November 2018

Dear Parents

This week, Mrs Harries led an assembly on Advent; this was linked to the excitement of Christmas and how lucky we all are and how our Toys and Tins appeal helps us give to those less fortunate than ourselves. She also shared a special advent calendar with an envelope for each day, each containing an act of kindness. This led on to ways in which we can all be kind to each other, to others and to animals. There is now a Kindness Tree on Mrs McCloy's desk, which is being adorned with baubles as children come and share their suggested acts of kindness. Bird Families focus was on respecting our bodies and this was linked to the NSPCC PANTS campaign: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

In literacy, we shared the story *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson and focused on the phonemes x/z. The children enjoyed looking for sticks outside and exploring the new adventure play areas in the extended woodland walk. Some of the children even created their own stick families using the natural resources they had collected. We also wrote our letters to Santa and talked about the postal system. We are looking forward receiving a response from Santa, hopefully before the Christmas holidays.

In maths, the children practised reading a range of number sentences focusing on addition and subtraction. The children had the challenge of solving various equations using objects for support.

We have also been continuing our preparations for next week's Nativity. The children have been working hard to master all the songs and dances. We were very impressed by all of their efforts.

Over the weekend

You might like to help your child to write about their favourite things to do over the festive season and support your child with their handwriting, focusing on letters they are finding particularly difficult, as highlighted in their work this week.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall – tea, coffee and mince pies will be available from 8.00am in the Pre Prep Hall

Friday 7th December: Christmas Jumper day

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries