



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have read lots of stories about Christmas. We have linked these stories to talking about Christmas, numbers and letters.

- On Monday, we introduced our new sound 'h' for holiday and the number 12. Our special shape this week has been the diamond. We all shared our weekend news with our key person during snack time. We enjoyed Christmas dancing with Mrs Wilson. Many of the children worked with Mrs Hampsheir to practise recognising numerals to 12. The children practised writing their names carefully. We really enjoyed using new paint pens to create pictures too.
- On Tuesday, we had fun in the swimming pool, using new toys and large floats. We had arctic animals and snow in the texture tray and lots of fun in our Christmas role-play area. The children spent a long time outside in the sunshine and the adults created a road, number snake and hopscotch using chalks on the playground, which was great fun. We sang our Jolly Phonics letter sounds song and some of the children were able to blend sounds together to read some simple CVC words, like cat, hen, dog etc.
- On Wednesday, we spent half the morning busy in Nursery and half the morning looking for Father Christmas in the woods! We walked all the way around the woods with jingle bells and did find some reindeer food and reindeer footprints. The children played outside for a long time after lunch before we enjoyed a Christmas movie and popcorn treat with Reception. We made Christmas hats to wear on Friday for our Christmas lunch.
- On Thursday, lots of the children created printed Christmas trees. We had fun in the sports hall dressed up, dancing and playing with balloons, and had a party snack time. We had another busy day painting and involved in different craft activities.
- On Friday morning, we played in the Pre Prep hall and created some wonderful drawings and doodles to music, on large pieces of paper. We really enjoyed our delicious Christmas lunch and Christmas ice-cream in Nursery. We ended the term with the whole of Pre Prep gathering in the hall to sing Christmas songs and carols around the Christmas tree. Father Christmas left each class a present, which was very exciting.

**Over the holidays, you may wish to try these activities at home linked to our learning in Nursery this term:**

- cutting and snipping up Christmas cards and paper.
- talking about the initial sounds
- playing very simple number games involving taking turns, counting and not always being the winner
- practising careful counting, talking about, spotting and recognising, numbers of objects and numerals

We have no spare jogging bottoms or pants left at school again. We would be so grateful if you could return any spare clothing that you may have at home, and replenish your child's rucksack before the start of next term. Thank you.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 9.00am:** Tour of the Prep Department for Pre Prep parents – please contact Mrs Ford to book a place on [admissions@townclose.com](mailto:admissions@townclose.com) with further details to follow

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** World Maths Day

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** key person meeting with Miss Bruce and Mrs Hampsheir

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** key person meeting with Mrs Coman and Mrs Hampsheir

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** key person meeting with Mrs Martin and Mrs Hampsheir

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** key person meeting with Mrs Amies and Mrs Hampsheir

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants

*Melanie Amies*