



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents

It has been lovely to welcome all the Little Acorns back after the Christmas holiday and to hear all about their Christmas and holiday experiences. The children have been so happy to see all their Nursery friends.

Our key text has been *Owl's Winter Rescue* by Anita Loughrey and Daniel Howarth, and our topics this half term are; winter, cold places around the world, travel and transport. We have talked about the phonic sound "r" for red, robin and rectangle and have revisited numbers to 12 and 2D shapes. The children have enjoyed a variety of activities linked to learning about the different birds that visit our gardens in the winter.

- On Tuesday, we had a lovely day in Nursery. We talked about our Nursery rules and all the different ways that we stay safe when we are at Nursery. We reinforced our routines and rules and talked about having inside voices, kind hands, sharing toys and how to say "Stop, I don't like it" and telling a grown up if a friend is being unkind. We talked about saying 'please' and 'thank you' at lunchtime and snack times. We also discussed the birds that visit our gardens in winter, and how we can help them if the weather is very cold. Some of the children cut out pictures of common birds and we started to learn some facts about robins.
- On Wednesday, the children created their own zero waste bird feeders and binoculars. We talked about melting a solid into a liquid as we watched the lard melt, mixed in the seeds and saw the lard turn hard again. It was very smelly! In the afternoon, some of the children chose to go to music with Miss Skinner in the music room, and others chose to go for a walk in the woods to look for birds, using our binoculars. We pretended to be secret agents, which was very exciting.
- On Thursday, we created paper plate robins and cut out pictures of garden birds. One key group went to music with Miss Skinner. We had a great time in the sports hall and a busy afternoon, as some of the children chose to go for a walk in the woods to look for birds, using our binoculars, and others made their bird feeders. We changed our library books and some of the children practised cutting out bird pictures carefully.

- On Friday lots of the children painted winter pictures. We went for another winter walk through the woods looking for birds and bird boxes. We continued to finish making bird feeders and learning facts about robins. The children spent a long time outside playing in the Pre Prep playground. The children continued to make their own binoculars.

We would be very grateful if all of the children could keep spare clothes in their Town Close rucksacks, especially during the winter months, as the children do play outside in all weather. We are very happy for parents to provide non-uniform/non navy hats and mittens in Nursery. The children really struggle to get their fingers into the school gloves, but named mittens are brilliant. If we do experience very cold/snowy weather, please feel able to swap your child's wellies for warmer/lined/snow boots for outside play. Thank you for your support.

#### **This weekend you may like to:**

- Keep a record of any birds that visit your bird feeder.
- Talk about "r" and rectangles and go on a "r" and rectangle hunt in your house.
- Practise drawing straight lines 'top to bottom' and talk about the 2D shapes that have straight edges as part of them, as opposed to curved lines.
- Create a list of animals that live in very cold places, or 'hibernate' during the winter.

#### **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)

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

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character (please note change of date)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Author/Illustrator Chloe Inkpen to visit

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

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

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

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

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries and Mrs Hampsheir

*Melanie Amies*