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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 7th January 2019

Dear Parents

The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm, excited to tell us all their holiday news. Although it has been a cold week, we have been lucky enough to have plenty of time to play outside as well as in our classrooms. In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked about new beginnings, (including introducing the children to Mrs Slater's new baby, Violet Elizabeth!) and New Year's resolutions. The children thought of personal and whole school ideas and learnt that if things go wrong today, tomorrow is a new day! New Top Birds were elected for this half-term in Bird Family meetings.

Literacy

In literacy, the children drew a picture to represent an experience from their holiday. All the children attempted to write a sentence. We are encouraging the children to have a go at segmenting the sounds they hear in the words they want to write, and to have a go at 'spelling' them independently. We also revised the alphabet sounds taught so far this year and assessed each child's progress in reading since last term. Please continue to help your child learn the 'tricky' words we have sent home on bookmarks. These are words that cannot be read by sounding out the letters.

Maths

In maths, the focus was counting beyond 10. We made number posters, collecting groups of items to match given numbers. We used Numicon to begin to understand that ten numbers are 10 and some more. The children all attempted to make a number line using the Numicon pieces.

Topic

Our topic for this term is liquids, and we are planning to explore several different themes that will introduce different forms of liquid. We have begun this week by learning about the Polar Regions and we were very surprised to receive a letter from a lost polar bear! Albert, his brother, and their penguin friends have run away from a zoo. They are asking for our help to find their real homes. We decided to start by looking at a map of the world and suggesting where a selection of different animals live. We used our IT skills and accessed Google on the iPads to help us find out, if we were unsure. The children have been sharing their knowledge about the regions and asking questions, which we hope to answer over the next couple of weeks.

Games

We had a wonderful walk through the woods looking for Albert and his friends. We didn't manage to find them but we did have lots of fun exploring some of the new climbing equipment along the way.

Over the weekend

- Please continue to help your child learn the 'tricky' words we have sent home on bookmarks; these words are sight words that cannot be read by sounding out the letters.
- To support our number learning this week, you may like to practise counting to 100 or see if you can spot numbers to 20 in the environment.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 15th January – 9.00am: Tour of the Prep Department for Pre Prep parents – please contact Mrs Ford to book a place on admissions@townclose.com

Friday 18th January – 9.00am - 3.00pm: Reception to 'Bear Hunt' at Norwich Castle

Friday 8th February – 9.00am - 3.30pm: Happy Puzzle Company visit and puzzle sale from 3.15pm in the Pre Prep – please see attached letter and voucher

Wednesday 6th March: World Maths Day

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

Friday 15th March: Author/illustrator Chloe Inkpen to visit

Tuesday 26th March – 2.15pm: Reception Easter Production in the Read Hall, with coffee for parents after the performance

Thursday 28th March: Parents' evening in the Pre Prep hall from 5.00pm – booking details to follow

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