



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 7th January 2019

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break with your families. It was lovely to welcome all the children back and to hear about their holidays. 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 for the half term were elected in Bird Family meetings.

Literacy

The children enjoyed their first week back at school and have enjoyed sharing their holiday news and home-school activity books. We have talked about places they visited, pantomimes and films they watched, presents given and received and foods they have enjoyed. The children wrote sentences about their holiday as well as drawing pictures. The children remained in class this week for literacy lessons and have been thinking about New Year's Resolutions. We sang 'Auld Lang Syne' and discussed the meaning of the words. We thought about happy memories from last year and decided how we could make 2019 even better by creating achievable resolutions.

Maths

In maths lessons, the children practised counting up and down in tens, and were reminded that 'tens' numbers end in a '0' (zero). They were made familiar with hundred squares and learned how to add one more to a 'tens' number and they noticed that there was a pattern (every number after a 'tens' number ends in a 1). The children enjoyed working in pairs to pick a number and then write the number that is one less and one more either side using a post it note. Some children recorded their number sentences in their exercise books.

Topic

The children have been introduced to their new topic for this half term, which is *Where I Live*. We have been looking at our local environment and the children have been discussing where they live.

Computing

The children practised logging on with their individual credentials and completed a range of mathematics games, which focused on place value and ordering numbers to 100.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Play the allocated maths games on ActiveLearn – Hedgehog Hurry.
- Play this game which consolidates learning on counting on and back:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/chopper-squad>

- Complete one of the challenges on the topic web and continue with the all-important 'bread and butter learning'. You will find the new topic web in your child's home-school learning book.

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 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

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 very best wishes from Mrs Brown, Mr Fisher, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries