



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 7th January 2019

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday together. We have been so pleased with how quickly the children have settled back into school life, being ready to try their best, this week. In assembly, Mrs Harries talked with the children 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

We have enjoyed learning to read and spell a variety of 'compound nouns' (such as rainbow, snowman, football and ladybird). Hopefully, your child has come home with plenty of ideas to put in their word building book. We have also been learning to identify adverbs in sentences which we then used when writing our descriptions of London in 1666. In guided reading we have all been reading a 14 verse poem about the Great Fire of London. We have given all the children a 'Year Two Poems and Rhymes' scrapbook and have stuck in a copy of the poem at the front of this.

Scrapbooks

Please keep your child's scrapbook at home. We will regularly send home a poem/rhyme which we feel that your child would benefit from reading and becoming familiar with. Please stick these into your child's scrapbook. This will lead to your child building up a collection of poems and rhymes which will enrich their knowledge of language patterns and vocabulary. It would be very helpful if you could spend some time each week reading through and discussing these with your child.

Common Exception Words

We are also sending home a personalised word card containing some of the words with which your child was less familiar during recent assessments. These should be practised regularly at home and will be assessed throughout the half term at school. We will colour in a word once we know that your child can consistently read and spell it accurately. Half-coloured in means that they can read it but are not yet able to spell it.

Maths

This week we have been reinforcing the value of each digit in 2 and 3-digit numbers. We created fact families for example:

$$245 = 200 + 40 + 5 \quad 245 - 5 = 240 \quad 245 - 40 = 205 \quad 245 - 200 = 45$$

We have also practised adding and subtracting 9, 10 and 11 from any given 2 or 3-digit number.

Other lessons and activities

In PSHE, we have shared our New Year's resolutions, with targets to aim for over the coming months. We have introduced the topic of amazing architecture – beginning with finding out about buildings before and after the Great Fire of London. We have used Venn diagrams to sort what you might see in 'urban' and 'rural' areas. In science lessons, we have been exploring the different materials that we can find in our Year Two Nest building. We have used a variety of adjectives to describe them and have explained why they have been used. We have developed our use of scientific language with terms such as transparent, opaque, rigid and flexible.

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

Wednesday 30th January – 6.00 - 7.00pm: Reading information evening for parents in the Pre Prep hall – please book a place with Mrs McCloy

Tuesday 5th February – 8.30am: Music coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall

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

Tuesday 5th March – 2.30pm: Rowan Class assembly with tea and coffee from 2.00pm in the Read Hall

Wednesday 6th March: World Maths Day

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

Tuesday 12th March – 2.30pm: Cherry Class assembly with tea and coffee from 2.00pm in the Read Hall

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

Tuesday 26th March – 8.35am: Silver Birch Class assembly in the Read Hall, with coffee in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Thursday 28th March: Parents' Evening in the Pre Prep Hall from 4.30 pm – booking details to follow

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries