



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 14th January 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about the Town Close Way, and the central element, that everyone cares for each other and our school. The children had some excellent ideas about ways in which we can follow our school code and understood that they can earn Bird family tokens for doing so! Alongside celebrating the first Wonder Wall work of the term in our celebratory assembly on Friday, Mrs Harries reminded children about moving around the School quietly and sensibly and reminded children that they should not be playing on the playground equipment after school, unless they are at After School Care with Mrs Buck. In Bird Family meetings this week, the topic of discussion was healthy eating.

Start of the day routines

As we have now entered our second term in Year 2, we are encouraging the children to come into the classrooms independently and carry their own belongings when possible. We appreciate your support with this.

Literacy

In literacy lessons this week, we have explored language that describes what people may have heard, smelt or seen during The Great Fire of London. Children wrote diary entries as though they were eyewitnesses and described the devastating scenes. In spelling lessons, we generated lists of words ending in 'tion' and talked about the meanings of these. We also looked at words containing 'ou'. Our focus in word building lessons was words beginning with 'kn'. In guided reading sessions, children took turns to read extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary and answered questions about the events of 1666. We talked about the different language that Pepys used and discussed the alternative words that we use today.

Maths

In maths lessons, we have revised number bonds to 10 and 20 and applied our knowledge of these to solve a range of problems. We have worked on using these number facts and adjusting the answer by adding or taking away, for example:

We know $6 + 4 = 10$ so we know the $26 + 4 = 30$

We can apply these facts to solve $26 + 3$ by taking 1 away from the answer above. With $26 + 5$ we can add one more to the answer because $+ 5$ is one more than the fact we know.

Other lessons and activities

We have carried out a range of research about The Great Fire of London. Children have read diary entries, played interactive games and even competed to win fictional money in a themed version of 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' We learnt that most of the houses that burned down were built in Tudor times and were made of wood with a thatched roof.

Children designed and made their own Tudor houses in readiness for our own 'Great Fire'!

Over the weekend

- You may like to help your child access some of the information and games we have played.

[http://www.powershow.com/view/3afd32-OWQxM/Who Wants To Be A Millionaire powerpoint ppt presentation](http://www.powershow.com/view/3afd32-OWQxM/Who+Wants+To+Be+A+Millionaire+powerpoint+ppt+presentation)

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_7110000/newsid_7115100/7115132.stm

- We have also given each child the net of a Tudor house to make at home. We would be grateful if these could be constructed and sent into school with your child's name written inside. Thank you.

Common Exception word cards – Many thanks to everyone who has taken the time regularly to practise these with their children. We have noticed a significant gain in confidence for those who have mastered the reading and spelling of these words.

Arrival and Assembly

All children should arrive by 8.25am for registration (we understand occasional lateness due to unforeseen circumstances). Children then leave the classroom for assemblies at 8.30am. If children arrive after 8.25am, they need to register at the front desk with Ms McCloy who then ensures they are delivered to the appropriate place.

Dates for your diary:

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 – there will be a sale of puzzles for parents to attend from 3.15pm in the Pre Prep

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: Word 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