



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked about books with the children, sharing part of one of her favourite stories, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. She talked about how we can look forward to events and activities and sometimes feel very excited and sometimes be disappointed. The children thought about how Charlie felt when at first he did not find, and then subsequently did find, a golden ticket! In Bird Family meetings, new Top Birds were elected for the half term.

In literacy lessons, we have been learning about homophones (words that sound the same but are spelt differently with a different meaning). This has been our spelling and word building focus for the week and we have enjoyed creating sentences using homophones and posters for display in our classrooms. We soon realised just how many homophones we could find in the English language! In our English lessons, we wrote recounts of our half term holiday, thinking carefully about using all of the features of writing we have learnt so far in Year 2. The children enjoyed sharing their exciting news with the rest of the class.

Our maths lessons have focused on doubling and halving this week. We have thought about the method we would use to double or halve any number and even how to halve odd numbers, remembering that we will always have a mixed number with a half left over. We then put our knowledge of halving into practice in order to carry out some practical investigations including, find halves of shapes, counting in halves and beginning to think about quarters too.

In other lessons, Rowan class have been busy rehearsing for their World Book Day assembly next week and all of the children in the year group have been thoroughly enjoying the rehearsals for their performance at St Andrew's Hall later in the month. Our science focus has moved towards growing as we have enjoyed planting seeds and bulbs and thinking about the changes we will see around the school grounds, now that spring has begun to arrive. We have drawn and painted beautiful observational pictures of spring flowers and discussed the names of the different parts of the flower.

Our topic for this half term is 'The People Awards'. This week, following our exciting trip yesterday to the Bridewell Museum, we are thinking about famous people from Norfolk and have enjoyed continuing our research in school about people we learnt about at the museum.

## Over the weekend

- You may like to encourage your child to think about the changes occurring outside during this warmer weather, asking them to predict what will happen to seeds and bulbs planted now.
- Please also practise your child's common exception word card with them to ensure they are confident in both reading and writing their given words.
- We are sending home a 'Significant People' research project to tie in with our People Awards topic for the half term. This is similar to our Famous Buildings research project, where the children will have time to research a significant person from history. Please could this be returned by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## Dates for your diary:

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

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

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** Word Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character

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

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 9.45 - 11.00am:** Year 2 to Norfolk County Music Festival at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich

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

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

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall from 4.30 pm – please book via the online booking system

**Online booking system:** Click on the parents' booking system in the new Parent Portal. This will prompt you to enter your email address and password. If you have not used the system before the password is: **townclose**. If you have used the system for after school care, please use the password you have chosen. When you have logged in, click the parents' evening button at the top of the screen.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

