



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 4th March 2019

Dear Parents

What a busy and exciting week we have enjoyed in Pre Prep! We enjoyed practical maths activities on World Maths Day on Wednesday and saw a wonderful array of costumes and activities in celebration of World Book Day yesterday. Mrs Alexandre, dressed as Julia Donaldson's witch from *Room on the Broom*, led a special assembly where children thought about their character and showed off their costumes. She read passages from well know storybooks and the children guessed the titles with great success. We look forward to welcoming Chloe Inkpen next Friday, as our visiting author. Reverend Patrick joined us for Shrove Tuesday and led an assembly about the season of Lent and the importance of determination in order to succeed. Bird Family meetings followed this up, focusing on resilience and the importance of not giving up!

This week in Reception, the children have enjoyed activities linked with World Maths Day and World Book Day. Early in the week we read *Jack and the Flumflum Tree* by Julia Donaldson, linked to our Rainforests topic. This story inspired a mathematical boat-building challenge. The children worked with a partner to design and build a boat from Lego. The challenge was to ensure that the boat was both large enough for Jack (represented by a Lego mini-figure) to fit and for the boat to float on water for up to 10 seconds. A further challenge was to estimate how many marbles each boat would be able to carry before sinking. The teachers were extremely impressed with the children's fabulous boat designs and with the careful manner in which they tested how many marbles their creations could carry.

On Wednesday, the children went out on a maths inspired *Jack and the Flumflum Tree* treasure hunt around the school grounds. Each clue involved completing a short challenge covering all areas of mathematics, including counting, shape recognition, measuring and money.

Throughout the week, the children attended their usual literacy groups where they practised reading and spelling with new phonemes and carried out writing activities linked with reading books studied over the course of the week.

On Thursday, we enjoyed seeing the children's fabulous Word Book Day costumes. The children each drew a picture of their favourite storybook character and accompanied it with a simple written description.

We have continued to rehearse for our Easter production of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and some children have been asked to deliver some lines during the performance. We would be grateful if you could assist your child in learning any lines that they have been allocated.

Over the coming weekend your child might like to carry out the estimating activity that you will find in their book bag.

Dates for your diary

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 – 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.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries