



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery our key text has been *Zoe and Beans Pirate Treasure* by Chloe Inkpen. We have used this story to continue to talk about pirates, but also to talk about the author Chloe Inkpen who visited Pre Prep today. We have talked about counting pirate coins carefully and “how many altogether?” and many different 2D shapes while making 2D shape pirate ships. We have looked at different phonic letter sounds while playing our phonic version of Pop-Up Pirate.

- On Monday, it was lovely to hear all the children’s news about their weekends. The children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson, where they moved like a blue balloon and heard the story, *The Blue Balloon* by Mick Inkpen. We read our new key text and the children played phonic Pop-Up Pirate with an adult, practised writing their name inside a Pirate Ship and changed their library books.
- On Tuesday, the children went swimming in our usual groups. We spent most of the time inside, as the weather was so horrible. The children spent time with an adult creating 2D shape pirate ships and carefully counting pirate coins.
- Wednesday was so windy that we called it “Windy Wednesday” and the children explored the wind outside using large colourful chiffon scarves. We watched *Aunty Mabel and Pippin on a windy day*. In the afternoon, two groups of children enjoyed a busy afternoon in the Nursery, and two groups of children spent time in the Pre Prep Hall playing and then participating in “Cosmic Kids” yoga.
- On Thursday, the children continued to complete a number activity, carefully counting two small groups of pirate coins and then adding the two groups together to find out “how many coins altogether?” The children had fun in the sports hall and we talked about how to write numerals to 10, and linked lots of phonic sounds to our special story. Two groups of children enjoyed a busy afternoon in Nursery, and two groups of children spent time in the Pre Prep hall playing and then participating in “Cosmic Kids” yoga.
- On Friday, the children really enjoyed our visit from Chloe Inkpen, hearing all about how she writes stories for children. We decorated ‘pirate treasure’ cupcakes to finish our pirate theme, and lots of the children continued to paint pictures with Mrs Bloom. Some children went on a pirate coin hunt outside to find large gold pirate coins with different letter sounds on them.

### To support your child's learning, you may like to:

- Count two small groups of objects carefully and then add the groups together to find out "how many altogether?"
- Make a Top 10 list of your child's favourite books and stick it into your child's Home Learning Book, so that we can continue to talk about books and authors.
- Next week we will be talking about spring, enjoying spring craft activities and planting beans. Our key text will be *Jasper's Beanstalk* by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. We will also be talking about Michael Rosen stories linked to our visit to The Playhouse to see *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* next Thursday morning. We will return to Nursery for a packed lunch/picnic.

We would be very grateful for any donations of glass jars to plant beans in (with the labels removed) and egg boxes to paint for an upcoming craft project. We are also collecting smoothie boxes to make Easter nest boxes.

A number of children have been unwell children at Nursery this week; please do keep children at home if they have a high temperature or are unwell, to prevent infections spreading to other children. Please could you also remind your children about washing their hands carefully, not putting Nursery toys or small objects into their mouths, and coughing into their elbows, not on their friends!

Sincere thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to come to The Playhouse with us next Thursday. We just need one more parent helper please...

### Dates for your diary:

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 9.45 am - 12.00 noon:** visit to Norwich Playhouse to see *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** Key person meeting with Miss Bruce and Mrs Hampsheir

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** Key person meeting with Mrs Coman and Mrs Hampsheir

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** Key person meeting with Mrs Martin and Mrs Hampsheir

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** - Key person meeting with Mrs Amies and Mrs Hampsheir

**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 very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants

Melanie Amies