



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum Information Week Beginning: Monday 11th March 2019

Dear Parents

This week, Mrs Harries led an assembly about The BFG and Joseph and his coloured coat. She shared with the children the similarities between the stories, and the importance of sharing things when we have plenty with those who do not. In Bird Family meetings, the younger children enjoyed listening to the Year 2 choir singing in preparation for our performance in the Norfolk Music Festival on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed an excellent assembly from Cherry Tree class about Shoes, in which the children confidently delivered poetry, information and songs. On Wednesday, we were proud to take part in the Norfolk County Musical Festival. The children sang 'Drop in the Ocean' and 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang' to a large audience in St Andrews Hall, including many of our parents. At the end of the morning, we received very positive feedback about the performance from the adjudicator and were congratulated for our polished performance and control, we were awarded 'Highly Commended'.

English

In English lessons this week, we have applied our knowledge of adjectives and created riddles. The children read a range of the Beatrix Potter books and chose characters to describe within the riddles. In spelling lessons, we have focused on the 'ee, ea' sound and explored when to apply each spelling. In sentence building lessons, we have generated sentences using the word 'if', applying a comma appropriately: "If I were a bird, I would fly to Paris to see the sights."

Maths

In maths lessons this week, we have built on our knowledge of using arrays to multiply, and began to explore division. Children have certainly found this visual tool very useful, alongside using bar modelling, to record their understanding. Identifying patterns in maths is an essential skill and being able to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s is something we practise on a weekly basis in Year 2; supporting the children's knowledge of the times tables 2, 3, 5 and 10.

Other lessons and activities

We have listened to the story of The Good Samaritan and discussed the importance of helping those in need. Children used puppets to retell the story and also discussed modern issues of difference and how we can support those in our community. We have also been observing the growth of our seeds and plants and discussing whether we think our predictions were accurate.

Over the weekend

You may like to support your child with counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, as well as practising their times tables.

Other information

We are holding our second 'Bakes and Books' sale on 21st and 22nd March at the Nest in aid of our charity, The Wherry School. Please bring donations of books you have read that you no need. Any baked goods should be brought in from the 20th- 22nd March.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 21st March and 22nd March – 3.25pm onwards: Bakes and Books Sale

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 – 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

