



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 18th March 2019

Dear Parents

This week Mrs Harries led an assembly about 'beauty from within', linking these ideas to the story of *Beauty and the Beast* in readiness for and recognition of the Year 7 and 8 musical, performed yesterday evening and tonight. In Bird Family meetings this week, the children discussed the importance of keeping safe and a variety of ways in which to do so. Mrs Wilson also led an assembly on Thursday on the beauty of the world, in which she read the story *Miss Rumphius* and showed the children pictures of lots of beautiful places around the world.

English

In our English lessons, we have used the connective 'but' to extend sentences and add more information, in preparation for our sentence building homework, whilst in our spelling lessons we have looked at the 'soft c' sound. The 'soft c' making a 's' sound is found before the letters e, i and y, for example; ice, circus, cycle. We wrote sentences using as many 'soft c' words as we could and were surprised at how many we could think of. We also enjoyed writing descriptive introductions to stories, setting the scene that we explorers had discovered an island after crash landing. We imagined the clouds parting and seeing the island below for the first time. We described using adjectives and adverbs and thought about how to use specific, exciting vocabulary.

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been thinking about how to collect data in the form of tally charts, pictograms and block graphs. We noticed how careful you had to be when looking at the scales shown on a graph to make sure that they are read correctly and then began to answer questions from the data.

Other lessons

In topic, we have continued 'The People Awards' by thinking about famous aviators, including the Wright Brothers, the Montgolfier Brothers and Amelia Earhart. We used different tones of the same colour to create beautiful hot air balloon paintings by mixing paint with just a small amount of white at a time. In science, we have continued to observe the growth in the plants in our classroom, noticing that the cress and mustard seeds are continuing to grow well, whilst the basil and rocket are beginning to show growth. We talked about how different plants need different things to live and that our hyacinth bulbs can survive without soil.

Over the weekend

You may like to look at the history of flight further with your child. How do you imagine the aeroplanes we see today will change in the future? Whilst reading with your child, look for imaginative language and interesting descriptions to encourage a use of exciting language when we write stories about our adventure in an unexplored island in English next week, following on from our scene setting this week.

Stop and drop

Our staff are becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of the children in the mornings. Please do take care to drive at no more than 5mph as you enter, move around and leave the site. For those parents who are parking and bringing children in, please ensure that your children are beside you (ideally hand-in-hand) until you have crossed the playground. Thank you for your support.

Staff news

As many of you may be aware, Mrs Pritchard has been absent from school for some time now, both through personal and family illness. After much consideration, she has decided to retire from her post as Pre Prep Deputy Head from 31st March. Mrs Laing, who has been Acting Deputy Head since last term, covering some of Mrs Pritchard's responsibilities in her absence, will continue in this role for the remainder of this academic year. Permanent arrangements will be worked out over the coming months ready for September. For those of you who know Mrs Pritchard, we are sure you will join us in wishing her every happiness for the future.

Dates for your diary:

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 4.30pm – 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

