



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 22nd April 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you have enjoyed a restful Easter break. We are hoping that this term will bring some summer-like weather, as we enjoy our outside spaces.

The children have enjoyed two assemblies this week. On Tuesday, Mrs Harries led an assembly about our life as a journey, using stepping-stones. She explained that all our experiences, whether they are good or bad, difficult or easy, help us to grow and develop, and that it is important to take time to appreciate them. Mrs Laing led an assembly on Thursday about Earth Day. Children learnt about its origins and shared ideas about the ways in which humans are causing damage to the planet, as well as considering ways in which we can help to save it. Children helped to elect new Top Birds during their Bird Family meetings.

Literacy

We have been very impressed with the children's attitude and effort in their first few days back. They have been very keen and confident in telling the class their holiday news and they have written excellent recounts during class literacy sessions.

Our group literacy sessions have taken place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Mr Fisher's group have been learning the di-graph 'ur' (nurse with a purse) and read the story 'The Duckchick'. Mrs Wilson's group have been learning the tri-graph 'are' (care and share) and read the story 'I Dare You'. Mrs Brown's group have been comparing the sounds 'ee' (what can I see?) and 'ea' (cup of tea) and read the story 'Billy the Kid'.

Maths

In maths, we have been revising key addition and subtraction facts and understanding place value of each digit within a whole number. The children have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and translated this knowledge into number patterns. We have been using a 100 square to add and subtract 10 from a given number, and some children have enjoyed the challenge of adding and subtracting 10 from a 3-digit number.

Other lessons and activities

- We have introduced our new topic for this half term, 'growing'. We are going to observe our broad bean plants grow through transparent cups and record our findings over the next few weeks in our bean diaries.

- Before Easter, the children enjoyed making jam sandwiches and took a photograph of each step, thinking carefully about each instruction, using the iPads. This week, the children are using an iPad app to create a photo story of their instructions – ‘How to make a jam sandwich’. They have really enjoyed editing their stories and adding text.
- The children have practised their joined-up writing during our discrete handwriting lessons.
- Unfortunately, the children could not swim this week due to a Prep swimming gala, which took place on Wednesday afternoon. All swimming groups will be back to normal swimming next week.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Play the Active Learn maths game allocated by your teacher – Beetle Bump.
- Complete the spellings or writing task allocated by their literacy teacher.
- Choose an activity from the homework web related to our new topic. You will find these stuck in your child’s home-school activity book.

Lost Property

We are gathering quite a selection of lost property in the Pre Prep. Mrs McCloy is going to set up a table in the Pre Prep entrance for parents in the mornings and afternoons next week. If you think you may be missing any items, please do come and have a look!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 14th May – 8.35am: Willow Tree Class assembly in the Read Hall, with coffee available in the Pre Prep Hall from 8.00am

Thursday 16th May – 2.30pm, Lime Tree Class assembly in the Read Hall, with coffee available in the Read Hall from 2.00pm

Tuesday 21st May – 8.35am: Maple Tree Class assembly in the Read Hall, with coffee available in the Pre Prep Hall from 8.00am

Wednesday 22nd May – 9.00am - 3.00pm: Year 1 trip to BeWILDerwood

Monday 3rd June – 9.00am - 3.00pm: Year 1 trip to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

Thursday 20th June – 2.00pm: Year 1 Sports Day on the front lawn

Thursday 26th June: Royal Norfolk Show day – school closed

Tuesday 2nd July – 8.35am: Year One Concert in the Read Hall, with coffee available in the Pre Prep Hall from 8.00am

Tuesday 9th July: Moving up day

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Brown, Mr Fisher, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries