



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Curriculum Information Week Beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back this week; we cannot believe that this will be their final term in Year 2 and the Pre Prep! We hope you all enjoyed a super break.

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.

### **English**

In English this week, we have been writing recounts of our Easter holidays, using all of the features of writing we have learnt so far in Year 2, including adjectives, adverbs, connectives, time connectives and a range of punctuation. We have also been thinking about how to edit and improve a piece of work by adding these features. We have read the story of *Esio Trot*, by Roald Dahl, which links to our art focus of tortoises and will lead us to looking at Aesop's Fable, *The Hare and the Tortoise*, in a few weeks' time.

### **Maths**

Our maths lessons have focused on number knowledge this week, thinking about where we find 2-digit numbers on a blank 0-100 number line and how we know where to place them. We also used our number knowledge to think about addition of 2-digit numbers in the context of money.

### **Other lessons and activities**

In other lessons this week, we have introduced our science focus of habitats and micro-habitats, going on a micro-habitat hunt and investigation around the school to look at mini-beasts found there. We discussed why certain mini-beasts choose these habitats and how they have adapted to them. We have begun our new topic of Zambia this week, thinking about where Zambia is in relation to England and where we find it in Africa. We are looking forward to learning more about the country and the animals in it, linking to our science focus, as we move through this half term.

### **Over the weekend**

You may like to talk to your child about the story of *Esio Trot*; Are there any other stories that you know that are about tortoises? Look in your garden and investigate the micro-habitats found there; can you predict which mini-beasts you will find in each location and why?

### **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:**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 9.30am - 3.00pm:** Year 2 trip to Pensthorpe Nature Park

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 1.45pm:** Year 2 Sports Day on the front lawn

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Royal Norfolk Show day – school closed

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – 2.00pm:** Year 2 Concert in the Read Hall, with light refreshments available from 1.45pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Moving up day

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – 9.00am - 2.00pm:** Year 2 trip to Winterton beach

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*