



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 25th March 2019

Dear Parents

This week, we enjoyed some fantastic performances, starting with a superb assembly by Silver Birch Class on Tuesday morning, all about significant people, including our mothers, followed by a wonderful performance of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Reception, in the afternoon! We practised our singing skills during our whole school hymn practice on Thursday, before enjoying our whole school assembly, led by Mr Bevington, this morning about the “special powers” we have to help our mothers and those who care for us.

Literacy

Sentence building: We have focused on using adverbs to add detail and interest to our writing. We wrote poems about ‘My Day’ trying to use a different adverb to describe how we carried out our daily activities.

Spelling: We practised spelling words with ‘soft c’. This week’s focus has been ‘soft g’ (when followed by e or y) as in ‘large, strange and germs’. We have also continued to practise the Year 2 list of Common Exception words.

Creative Writing: Continuing from where we left off on our deserted islands last week, we have enjoyed writing some incredibly imaginative and engaging stories about our island adventures. The children were encouraged to include a range of interesting adverbs and adjectives to describe a character that they met on the island. We also reminded children to use a variety of punctuation, including exclamation marks, question marks, apostrophes and speech marks.

Maths: This week we have been extending our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, with some children also solving calculations involving the 3 and 11 times tables. We have been assessing the children’s understanding of multiplication, division, solving problems involving money and interpreting data on bar charts.

Topic: We have been finding out about some significant scientists. We researched why Stephen Hawking was such a significant person in our guided reading sessions. We discussed how people overcome difficulties and talked about why we should ‘Look up at the stars and not down at our feet.’ We organised our own knowledge of space into a word web and added some questions.

This term’s on-going DT project is well-underway, as everyone is busy stitching their samplers. Having mastered running stitch we are now attempting some more elaborate sewing techniques!

Science: This week, we have continued to monitor the growth of plants both in classrooms and around the school grounds. We are looking forward to some explosive experiments next week!

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th May – 9.30am - 3.00pm: Year 2 trip to Pensthorpe Nature Park

Friday 21st June – 1.45pm: Year 2 Sports day on the front lawn

Wednesday 26th June: Royal Norfolk Show day

Thursday 4th July – 2.00pm: Year 2 Concert in the Read Hall with light refreshments available from 1.45pm

Tuesday 9th July: Moving up day

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries