



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday morning, we enjoyed a lovely assembly, performed by Maple Tree class, about growing and the story of Jack and the beanstalk. Bird Family meetings focused on the topic of 'growth mind-set' and use of the phrase, 'I can't do it, yet!' We enjoyed a celebratory assembly on Thursday morning, in which new wonder wall work, certificates and medals were awarded. We also thanked our Top Birds for their excellent work this half term and announced the winning bird family for the half term; well done, Kingfishers!

### English

In English lessons this week, we have looked at our spelling focus of 'adverbs' (a word that describes how we do something – happily, carefully, slowly ...) as well as our sentence building word 'too'. We talked about how 'too' can be used in place of 'extremely' and 'also', we also recapped homophones thinking about when we would use 'two' and 'to' too! During our English lessons, we have also had a look at some practice SATs papers, thinking about how to look for important words in the questions and texts and reminding ourselves to re-read and check anything we have done.

### Maths

In maths, we have completed end-of-unit assessments and looked at some practice SATs papers. We had a chance to look through these papers and recap any areas with which the children may have struggled.

In other lessons this week, we have continued our Rousseau jungle watercolour pictures, in readiness for the art exhibition. The children have really enjoyed using their imagination to think about the flowers and trees that could be seen in the jungle and what Rousseau had imagined there. During our topic sessions, we continued to think about Zambia, talking about what we would take in a backpack if we went exploring there and looking at animals found there. The children have loved learning about such a different country to our own.

### Over the half term holiday

- You may like to look at the Year 2 common exception words again with your children, in readiness for another recap of these when we return to school.
- Continuing to practise mental maths skills, by adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers, would also be of benefit, reminding children to picture the number line method (for subtraction) and partitioning method (for addition) in their heads.

Please remember that if you have not returned an order form for your Year 2 tea towel or jute bag to do so as soon as we return to school after the half term holiday. Thank you for your support.

**Dates for your diary:**

**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

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July:** End of term – no After School Care

We hope you have a lovely half term holiday with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*