



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 17th June 2019

Dear Parents

We have had such an exciting week exploring the National Gallery's 'Take One Picture', *Men of The Docks* by George Bellows (1912). The Reception children had lots of ideas about where the scene could have been set. We thought it could have been London or Australia or South Africa for example. We talked about the sky scrapers and decided it was London or America. This led us to talking about how we would get to America if we couldn't fly, and our focus moved to the steam ship and its guiding tug.



Literacy

Our literacy lessons have focused on comprehension, as we listened to others' ideas about the painting. We have been practising writing letters using correct formation and keeping our writing on a line. We have continued to learn to read high frequency words by sight and some of the children have attempted correctly to spell sentences using only high frequency words.

On Monday, Year 8 pupils joined us to share reading the 2019 Royal Society shortlisted books for the Young People's Book Prize. The shortlisted books can be found by following this link.

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/book-prizes/young-peoples-book-prize/>

Maths

This week, we have challenged the children to solve worded number problems with a focus on subtraction. Problems included, taking passengers off a boat and calculating how many were left; exploring money by buying boat tickets and working out how much change we would have from 10 pence and continuing to work with number bonds within 10. On Friday, we had another visit from a Year 6 maths group and we had so much fun building skyscrapers, using paper straws and masking tape. It is wonderful to see our youngest children working so well with their older peers.

Games

The children have shown us that all their hard work preparing for sports day was worthwhile, as they demonstrated their best efforts on Wednesday. We are very proud of the way in which they worked in teams and supported each other. Congratulations too, to parents and toddler siblings who participated in the racing events.

Topic

Our transport theme turned to boats this week as we followed the children's interest in the 'Take One Picture' project. We enjoyed a carousel of DT, science and art activities including: floating and sinking; painting steam-themed pictures and modelling.

On Wednesday, we were very excited to take a short walk out of school to post our beautifully illustrated and written postcards from Bressingham. We hope the postman will be delivering these to you very soon. We enjoyed a return visit from Reverend Patrick on Tuesday morning in assembly and, in Bird Family meetings, we talked about the NSPCC PANTS campaign. If you would like to know more information about this campaign, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Over the weekend

You may like to:

- Help your child write a list of all the high frequency or tricky words they can find in their reading book.
- Practise recognising and writing numerals 11 to 20. We have been talking about place value and learning that numbers 11 to 20 are 10 and some more. We write these numbers starting with a 1 to represent the 10 and then the units. So 13 for example is 10 plus 3 more, written 13.

Staff news

As you know, after an application process, Mrs Laing was appointed as Acting Pre Prep Deputy last year, in Mrs Pritchard's absence. We are delighted to announce, that from September, Mrs Laing's role will be made permanent and she will be the Pre Prep Deputy Head, a role which she will undertake alongside her class teaching.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 24th June: Bring a bear to school for the Teddy Bear's Picnic (with suggested donation of £1 to the School charity)

Wednesday 26th June: Royal Norfolk Show day – School closed

Tuesday 9th July: Moving up day for Reception

Thursday 11th July – End of term for Pre Prep (No After School Care), with Prize-giving on Friday 12th July for Prep pupils only

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing, Mrs Parker and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries