



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents

This week all of our lessons have been inspired by George Bellows's painting *Men of the Docks*. This painting can be found in The National Gallery and your children may like to visit the gallery over the holidays.



We remained in literacy groups at the start of the week and the children completed their spelling quiz. Mrs Averill's groups looked at the trigraph 'are' (care and share), whilst both Mrs Wilson and Mr Fisher's groups practised reading and writing words containing 'ear' (hear with your ear).

We have enjoyed a variety of activities over the week. We enjoyed making skyscrapers in maths. We used sticky labels to make the windows and these represented multiplication arrays. The children wrote the number sentence that matched each skyscraper in a cloud.

We also enjoyed learning about the shipbuilding industry at the time and, in particular, finding out about the Titanic. We explored the picture in art with some classes sketching small parts of the painting and others recreating it in collage with 2D shapes. We looked into what might arrive into the docks and some children suggested fishing boats. We examined a fish carefully and made an observational drawing, coloured in with watercolour pencils. Children who wanted to cut up the fish and looked at the scales with a magnifying glass.

We also experimented by making many different types of boat. We made origami, plasticine and foil boats and rafts made of lolly sticks. We estimated which vessel would hold the most cargo and tested them out to see which boat help the most pennies.

We made the most of the sunshine and have enjoyed being on the front lawn practising many races in preparation for sports day and the children has enormous fun participating in their sports afternoon.

We were also fortunate to be invited to watch the Year 6 performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Tuesday and it was lovely for the Year 1 pupils to see the older pupils acting and dancing with such confidence.

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 your child might like to:**

- 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.
- Visit the Castle museum art gallery.

#### **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 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Bring a bear to school for the Teddy Bear's Picnic (suggested donation for the School charity of £1)

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

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 8.35am:** Year 1 Concert in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep Hall from 8.00am

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

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

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*

