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Happy New Year! We hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break. Thank you very much for your very kind wishes, cards and gifts. The staff and children have been extremely eager to share their Christmas news with each other and we are all excited for the challenges of the term ahead.

Language

Our language work last week was centred around phonics. We revisited some previously taught digraphs (two letters that make one sound- sh, ch, th) and also introduced the children to our new set of spellings (see below). This week we have enjoyed sharing the story 'Supertato'. The children entered the classroom to discover a collection of fruits and vegetables had been trapped and tied up by a cheeky pea. We followed the clues that had been left to help us find Supertato and then decided to set a trap to catch the pea. The trap worked and we celebrated by writing speech bubbles for the story characters. We thought about what they might say throughout the story and recorded our ideas in sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths

We are introducing the children to number doubles. The children have impressed us with their ability to make doubles using their fingers and they are now beginning to calculate the totals of the doubles by counting all of their fingers. To support the children in this skill, they have been doubling the spots on superhero masks. Our aim is to help the children learn these double facts so that they can recall them quickly and without counting.

Spellings

All children completed a spelling assessment before Christmas. Please continue to support the children in practising these words as we will re-assess them before the end of this half term. If your child was able to correctly spell all of the words, why not challenge them to write them correctly within the context of a sentence?

Our next set of spellings will be:

am, and, dad, an, is, got, on, put, mum, get

Home Learning

Last week we sent home details of our current homework task. This task will run for two weeks. We would like the children to make a mask for a superhero of their own design. Masks should be sent into school by Friday 19th January, in time for our 'Superhero Mask Parade'. More information about this task can be found in the 'Reception Home Learning' link on the Reception page of the school website. We can't wait to see the children's designs!

Secret Readers

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to come in and surprise the children as a secret reader. There is still time to volunteer if this sounds like an opportunity you would like to be involved in. The activity will last for around 10 minutes and will involve sharing a pre-chosen story with the children in your child's class, at the end of the school day. The children have no idea who will be coming in to share stories with them and we can't wait to see their surprised faces when they find out who their secret readers are!

Purple Mash

Last week we introduced the children to the 'Purple Mash' link on the school website. Purple Mash is an online learning tool that children can access at home. In the back of children's reading record books are individual log-ons. All children's usernames are their first names and their passwords involve them clicking on two pictures. Instructions for using Purple Mash have been sent home with the children today. This half term we will be teaching the children to use a range of resources on this site.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team