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**Reception Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Language

Last week we shared the story 'How to grow a dinosaur' by Caryl Hart. The children designed their own 'magical' seed packets and wrote imaginative sentences linked to what might grow from the seeds. On Friday we were visited by Caryl Hart and the children enjoyed telling her all about their work.

This week we have been reading the story of 'Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs' by Ian Beck. The children loved this story and were excited to think of ways that they could rescue the dinosaurs from the smoking volcano. We have been assessing their independent writing skills as they have written letters to the girl on the island, described the journey to the island and even designed and explained their own maps of the island. The children were very keen to write and it has been lovely to see so many of our taught spellings coming through in the context of their sentences. We are now working hard on ensuring we always remember our finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

Maths

We have been practising our counting skills in order to ensure that we are all counting accurately, forwards and backwards to and from 20. We have also been practising our counting on and counting back skills when we have been adding and subtracting; we put the starting number in our head and then count forwards or backwards from there using our fingers or objects. Please continue to support children learning and ordering numbers to 20 and writing these independently.

Science Week

The children have been very enthusiastic and eager to participate in a range of scientific investigations this week. Please see the website for details of the investigations we have completed and photographs of our budding young scientists at work.

Spellings

Our new focus spellings for this half term are:

not, up, put, had, big, he, she, we, me, be

We will also be re-assessing children on any words they were unable to spell in our previous assessment. Please continue to practise these at home.

Mother's Day Assembly

We hope that you enjoyed our special assembly. We were so proud of the children for being so brave and speaking and singing so confidently. Thank you for all of your kind words and thanks. We have passed your messages on to the children.

Spare clothes

Our stock of spare clothes is running low. If children are sent home in spare clothes please ensure that these are washed and returned to school.

'Colours For Peace' Day

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March children are invited to come to school dressed in blue, white or green (or a combination of these colours) to mark 25 years since the Warrington bombing. We will be collecting a donation of £1 from each child who chooses to take part, which will go to the Tim Parry and Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation charity.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are delighted to welcome back the Scholastic Book Fair to our school library. This will be running every day after school from 3:30-4:15 until next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks for your continued support,  
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