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Reception Newsletter – 17th November 2017

Language

Our new project, 'To Infinity and Beyond' is well under way. The children returned to school to discover a mysterious box in the classroom, along with some boots and a colander! A visit from a bear told us all we needed to know; he wanted to travel into Space and planned to use these items to help him on his journey. We talked to the bear about our ideas for Space travel and wrote helpful lists of things he should take to Space with him. We shared the Jill Murphy story, 'Whatever Next!' and have thoroughly enjoyed retelling this and writing words and sentences from the story using our sound mats. We know that a good writer has got to listen to the sounds in words, leave finger spaces in between words, put a full stop at the end of their sentence and remember to put a capital letter at the start.

Maths

Last week we began to explore measure in the classroom. We used our hands, feet and other classroom items to measure how long and short our Space items were and then we solved measure problems to help us decide which items were the right lengths to pack in our Space suitcases. This week we are practising our calculation skills. We have been using the 'add' sign to help us make numbers bigger and have worked together to solve simple addition problems using pictures, objects and number sentences.

Phonics

The children are continuing to make good progress in their phonics work. We are now working within Phase 3 and are beginning to explore digraphs (two letters that make one sound e.g. sh, ch, th). You will find another copy of our Phase 2 and Phase 3 phonics assessment in your child's book bag. As we make our way through the digraphs we encourage children to begin to recognise these sounds within their reading books, as well as begin to write these sounds within words.

Spelling

This half term we will begin to assess the children's spelling. At the end of each half term we will test the children on their ability to spell a collection of ten words. These words will be taught to the children during our phonics sessions over the course of the term but please also practise these at home. If your child is able to spell the words confidently then challenge them to write the words within the context of a sentence. Our focus spellings for this half term will be:

to, the, no, go, I, into, as, at, it, in

Spare clothes

We always strive to provide children with spare, clean clothes if they have toileting accidents or get particularly messy whilst they are in school. Please ensure that if your child is sent home in spare clothes that they are washed and returned to school as our stock is getting low.

The Nativity

Rehearsals for our Christmas performance are well underway! If your child has a speaking role, please help them to learn their words. If you need another copy of their words then let a member of the team know. Costumes can be sent into school as soon as you have them. All costumes must be in school by Monday 27th November.

Reindeer Run

On Wednesday 20th December, Reception children will be participating in the 'Reindeer Run' in school. This is a sponsored event to raise money for St Rocco's Hospice. All sponsorship donations will help towards providing care to patients and their families and every child who participates will receive a pair of reindeer antlers. More information can be found on the information sheet that the children have brought home today.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team



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