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Reception Newsletter – 27th April 2018

We hope you had a restful break. The children have returned full of enthusiasm for our final term together in Reception.

How does your garden grow?

Our new project was launched last week and will focus upon the things that grow in our gardens, as well as a consideration of where our food comes from. Last week all of the children planted a sunflower seed in a pot as part of their 'Summer Home Learning' task. The children are responsible for looking after their seed at home until it starts to grow. The pots should be sent back to school on Monday 21st May so that the children can then plant them in our outside classroom. The children will then continue to look after these plants throughout the course of the Summer term.

Language

This week we have been sharing the traditional tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' with the children. We discussed the repetitive language in the text and enjoyed retelling the story using our character voices and lots of expression. The children wrote about the character of the giant and also began to write their own retellings of the story, ensuring their high frequency words were spelt correctly. Next week we will be having a non-fiction focus for our language work. We will be learning about farms in preparation for our school visit.

Maths

In our maths work we have been revisiting lots of different maths skills. We have been making amounts of money and using these to help us to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also been adding simple amounts together and counting on to help us find the totals.

Today we used the story of Jack and the Beanstalk to help us with our accurate counting and ordering of numbers up to 20. The children are progressing well in these areas. Please continue to practise this at home.

Spellings

We are currently in the process of re-testing the children on any words they mis-spelt in our last set of spelling assessments. We are also practising our new spellings regularly. These spellings are:

look, day, him, his, but, can, back, of, if, off

Please continue to practise these at home. If your child is able to confidently spell all of the words correctly, try writing them in the context of a sentence.

School Trip

On Friday 11th May we will be taking the children to Stockley Farm. Please ensure children arrive promptly at school by 8.50 so that we are able to leave the building by 9.15. We will return before the end of the school day. Children do not need to bring their book bags to school on this day, nor their water bottles as drinks will be provided. If you have chosen to send children with a packed lunch from home, please ensure that it is kept in a bag that can be disposed of after lunch. All children must wear their school uniform and bring a suitable waterproof coat with them.

Thank you to all of the parents who offered to accompany us on this visit- we were overwhelmed by the number of volunteers! Unfortunately we are restricted on the number that we can accept. All selected parent helpers will be notified next week by letter. Please arrive at school by 8.50 on the morning so that we can brief you on the timetable for the day, prior to our departure.

Sports Day

We will be having our Reception Sports Day on Monday 14th May (weather permitting). The fun will begin at 2:00pm on the main field. Parents are welcome to attend to support their children. All children will be given a team colour and they are invited to attend school in their sports kits on that day, preferably reflecting the colour of their team!

Healthy snacks

Fresh fruit is available every day from the classroom for morning snacks. If you would prefer to provide your own snack please ensure it is either fresh fruit, vegetables or toast. Please do not send biscuits, crackers, sandwiches or cereal bars.

Class Photographs

On Monday 30th April all Reception classes will be having a class photograph taken. This will then be available for you to purchase as a memento of the children's first year in school.

Thanks for your continued support,
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