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Reception Newsletter – 6th April 2018

We are nearly at the end of another very busy term in Reception. We are very proud of the progress the children have made and look forward to making lots of memories and continuing to work hard in our final term together!

Language

Last week we researched facts about dinosaurs and fossils using the non-fiction text, 'Digging up Dinosaurs'. We managed to answer some of the questions from our initial mind map and have been writing about our findings using all of our writing targets. We were particularly surprised to find out that dinosaurs used to be called 'terrible lizards'!

This week we have been reflecting on all of the facts we have learned over the course of our project. We looked back at our initial mind map and considered which questions we have found answers to. We are impressed by how well the children are beginning to independently self-assess their own writing to look for their writing targets. Lots of children are also remembering to spell many of the Phase two and three high frequency words correctly within their sentences.

Maths

In our maths work last week we revisited shape and pattern. We focussed on the 3d shapes (cube, cuboid, pyramid, cone, sphere, cylinder) and used the language of 'faces', 'corners' and 'edges' to help us describe their properties. We also compared these shapes to real life objects whilst conducting shape hunts around the classroom.

This week we have been exploring a range of measuring problems involving length, weight, capacity and time.

Spellings

Our new focus spellings for next half term are:

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

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.

British Values Day

On Monday 23rd April we will be holding a special 'British Values Day'. On this day children are invited to come to school wearing the colours of red, white or blue. We will be thinking about the things that Britain is famous for, as well as all of the things traditionally British, that make our country special.

How does your Garden Grow?

After the Spring break we will be learning about what seeds need to grow and how we can grow our own fruits and vegetables. During this project we have planned a school trip to Stockley Farm in order to find out more about where our food comes from. More information about the visit will follow.

Mrs Cunliffe

Today we said goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Cunliffe. Lynn has been a teaching assistant at St Philip's for twenty years and she will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her retirement and look forward to hearing about her adventures!

Parental contributions

Thank you to everyone who has continued to send in 'WOW' moments linked to children's learning and achievements outside of school. This information has been extremely useful in assisting us with our own assessments of the children's independent abilities. Please continue to inform us of these special moments. Homework books can also be used for recording evidence of children's learning for any additional independent work they choose to undertake outside of school.

Thank you for your continued support this term. We hope you have relaxing Spring break.

Thanks for your continued support,
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