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Reception Newsletter – 6th October 2017

Language

We are enjoying learning lots of new things about the children through our project, 'All About Me'. This week we have begun to think about where we live and our local area. The children have drawn and labelled pictures of their homes using the sounds they could hear and have enjoyed describing familiar landmarks close to our school. Next week we will be thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. This will be launched on Monday with our 'Career Day'. The children will be writing about their chosen professions, listening carefully to the sounds that they can hear in the words.

Maths

This week we have been practising forming our numerals correctly in a range of ways. We used play-dough, string and lolly sticks to make the correct number shapes and are working hard to ensure they always face the right way round. On the reverse of this sheet is a copy of the formation rhymes we have been using with the children. Please continue to practise these at home. Next week we will be assessing the children's ability to recognise and order numbers, as well as beginning to combine amounts to solve simple addition problems.

Reading

Thank you to everyone who attended our Reading Meeting today. We hope that it provided you with a useful insight into the ways in which we teach the children to read. Please continue to read at least 3 times a week with your child and record the details in their reading record books. The guided reading books are not sent home but children are invited to choose an independent read from our reading corner. These books can be changed by children independently whenever they wish. If your child is forgetting to change their reading book, please let a member of the team know. Please also ensure that reading record books are brought to school every day.

Phonics

The children are enjoying participating in our phonics lessons and have impressed us with their improved pronunciation and recognition of these sounds in their reading books. Each week we will be sending home a phonics bookmark containing the letter sounds we have practised that week. On the reverse of the bookmark is a collection of words for children to practise blending using these sounds. Some weeks these words may not be real words, but silly 'made up' words. Can the children recognise which words are real and which are not?

For guidance on how to pronounce the pure sounds visit <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/tag/phonics/>

PE

The children are now getting fully changed into their PE kits for our lessons. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named as we have already had a few incidences of muddled up clothing! Also, please continue to encourage children to be more independent when getting themselves dressed and changed at home.

How have I changed?

In a couple of weeks we will be exploring how we have changed since we were babies. If you have any baby photos of your child that you are happy to be shared in school, please send them in. All photographs will be returned!

Career Day

On Monday 9th October we will be having a 'Career Day' in Reception. On this day children are invited to come to school dressed in a way that reflects their hopes and dreams for the future. We will also be welcoming visitors to the classrooms throughout the course of the week to talk to the children about their professions. One of our visitors will be bringing a dog with her to school. If your child has any pet allergies or worries then please let a member of the team know.

Thanks for your continued support,

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Number Formation Rhymes

↓ 1	Number one is like a stick; a straight line that is very quick.
→ 2	For number two go right around, then make a line across the ground.
→ 3	Go around, what will it be? Go around again to make a three.
↓ 4	Down, across and down some more, that's the way to make a four.
↓ 5	Go down, around and then don't stop! Finish the five with a line on top.
↶ 6	Make a curve, then make a loop. There are no tricks to make a six!
→ 7	Across the sky and down from Heaven, that's the way to make a seven.
↶ 8	Make a 's' and then don't wait, go up again to make an eight.
↶ 9	Make a loop and then a line, that's the way to make a nine.
↓ 10	A straight line down then around with your pen, that's the way to make a ten.