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Reception Newsletter – Friday 9th February 2018

Language

Last week we thought about the qualities of our favourite superheroes. We decided that they were very brave, strong and helpful to others. This led us to think about real-life superheroes; people who try their best to help us to stay safe and healthy. We then composed and wrote sentences to describe these real-life superheroes. We even added some STAR words to describe them and make our sentences more exciting. On Monday we had a visit from PC Deluce and PCSO Samuels. They told us about their job and even let us sit in the police car! We then looked at some non-fiction books about real-life superheroes and began to use the vocabulary associated with these texts, including 'contents page', 'index' and 'glossary'.

Maths

Over the last two weeks we have been developing our calculation skills. Last week we investigated a range of addition number problems. These included number stories linked to our project, for example, 'Superman ate 5 healthy apples and 3 bananas. How many things did he eat altogether?' We thought about the different ways in which we could solve the problems and our methods included drawing pictures and using objects. The children responded extremely well to both of these methods, which led us to practise our counting on skills. We put the first number in our heads and counted on the next number using our fingers. This week we have focussed on subtraction. We began in a similar way to last week, drawing pictures and taking away objects. Some of us have also practised our counting back skills by putting the biggest number in our heads and counting backwards on our fingers.

Spellings

We are in the process of completing our next stage of spelling assessments. Following this, we will send home the children's scores. We are also re-assessing the children on any words they were unable to spell in our last assessment. Please continue to practise these at home.

Chinese New Year

Next week on Friday 16th February we will be celebrating and learning about 'Chinese New Year' in Reception. We will be learning about how the new year is celebrated and exploring the wonderful stories surrounding why it is celebrated. As part of our day we will be tasting some Chinese foods. If your child has any allergies that we should be aware of, please let a member of the team know.

The Land Before Time...Walking with Dinosaurs

After half term our new project will explore what the world was like when dinosaurs were alive. We will be learning about lots of different dinosaurs, as well as thinking about how the world has changed and what happened to the dinosaurs. Please see below for some important dates for your diary that will also be coming up next half term.

World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. Please come to school dressed as a character from your favourite book!

Mother's Day Assembly

On Friday 9th March, Reception will be leading a special assembly for Mother's Day. We will be celebrating our wonderful mums and exploring why they are so special with children sharing their own ideas and feelings. The service will start at 9.00am in the main school hall and you are all invited!

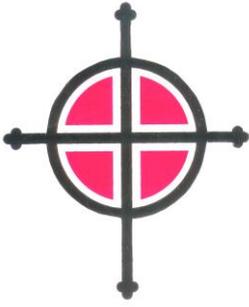
It is hard to believe that in one more working week we will be half way through the academic year! We hope all our families have a relaxing break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 26th February.

Thanks for your continued support,
The Reception Team



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