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Reception Newsletter – 30th November 2018

Language

Over the last couple of weeks our focus text has been 'Aliens Love Underpants'. After the discovery of a collection of multi-coloured underpants in our classrooms we designed WANTED posters for the aliens and wrote some descriptions of the underpants to help us locate the owners. We also created our own underpants and wrote captions to describe them using the sounds we could hear, finger spaces and full stops. This week we have been thinking about instructions. We have enjoyed playing games where we have had to follow instructions and we even wrote a set of instructions for some asteroid rock cakes, which we then followed, baked and thoroughly enjoyed eating!

Maths

We have been working hard to develop our calculation skills. Last week we introduced the children to a range of methods to help them find 'one less'. These included using our fingers, looking at a number line and using objects. From here we began to practise taking away small amounts and we recorded our findings in different ways; we drew pictures, wrote number sentences and even made up our own subtraction problems to share with our friends. This week we have been assessing children's number knowledge. The children have participated in a range of activities to help us identify how well they recognise numbers, count accurately and can begin to solve simple addition and subtraction problems.

Spelling

Our formal spelling assessments will begin next week. We will be testing the children on their ability to spell a collection of ten words. These words have been taught to the children during our phonics sessions over the course of the term but please also practise these at home. If the children are able to spell the words confidently then challenge them to write the words within the context of a sentence.

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

School Uniform

As per our uniform policy, please ensure that all school sweatshirts, cardigans and v-neck jumpers are named and have the school logo displayed on them. Please also check that book bags do not have more than one keyring attached to them as they do not fit in children's trays.

'It's a Baby!'

The children have been working extremely hard throughout our rehearsals. We are very proud of them and can't wait to share our Christmas performance with you. The first performance will take place next Wednesday 5th December at 9.30 in the main school hall. We will be repeating the performance on Thursday 6th December at 2.15. Thank you for all of your support in helping the children to learn their words and for providing wonderful costumes. We hope you enjoy the show!

Lighting up the Christmas Tree

This morning we all joined Mrs Wightman for the turning on of the Christmas tree lights. We sang a song from our Christmas play to help get us all in the festive spirit. Next week our literacy and maths work will take on a Christmas theme. We can't wait to share some Christmas surprises with the children.

Christmas Party

On Tuesday 18th December we will be having our Reception Christmas Party. On this day the children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes. Following our Christmas worship, the morning will be spent making decorations and Christmas crafts in preparation for our party in the afternoon. We ask that children bring a small and clearly labelled plate of party food with them to enjoy before they go home. Please note that this food will be in addition to their school lunch so need not be substantial; just a few party treats.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team