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Reception Newsletter – Friday 25th January 2019

Language

Last week we continued our quest to help Supertato capture the Evil Pea. We shared some more Sue Hendra stories to find out what mischief the cheeky pea got up to next and we thoroughly enjoyed looking at the funny illustrations and guessing what was going to happen. The children wrote lovely character descriptions and designed traps to catch the pea. Some of us even wrote some newspaper articles for 'The Veggie Times' to describe what had happened! This week we have been sharing the story of 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants'. Charlie lost his special superhero pants from the washing line following a strong gust of wind. We designed descriptive posters to help him find them and even created and wrote about our own superhero underpants! We have been very impressed by the children's ability to talk about the things that a 'good writer' always tries to remember.

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 then ate 3 more. 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 currently working hard on being able to read more of our high frequency words on sight, without always sounding them out in our reading books (copies of these words can be found on our Reception web page). We are also continuing to practise writing these words.

Our focus spellings this half term are: am, and, dad, an, is, got, on, put, mum, get

Reading Record Books

Please ensure that children's reading record books are always kept in their book bags. In order for children to receive a sticker on their bookmark there should be evidence in this book of them reading at least 3 times per week at home. Thank you for your support with this.

Secret Readers

Thank you to all our parents who have given up their time to come into school and share a story with the children. The children have absolutely loved having family members sharing special stories with their classes and it is an activity we would like to continue with. If you have not already participated and would like to then please let a member of the team know.

Chinese New Year

On Monday 4th February we will be having a special project day in Reception to teach the children about Chinese New Year. We will be learning about how the new year is celebrated and exploring the wonderful stories surrounding why it is celebrated. We will be making crafts to decorate our classrooms and we will also be tasting some Chinese foods. Please let your class teacher know if your child has any allergies we should be aware of.

Superhero Mask Parade

Thank you for all of the support you have given to the children in designing and making their wonderful superhero masks. They all look fantastic! Our mask parade will be taking place on Monday morning. We will be parading our wonderful work around the school building and stopping to visit classrooms along the way.

Thanks for your continued support,
The Reception Team