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Reception Newsletter – 1st March 2019

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term.

The Land Before Time

What a busy week! On Monday morning we received a parcel and a letter from a man named Terry Dactyl. In the parcel was an egg for us to look after. We thought long and hard about what could be inside the egg and read the letter again in search of any clues. On Thursday the egg started to crack and by Friday something had hatched and escaped from the egg, leaving some tiny footprints. We continued to look for clues as to its whereabouts and have since discovered that we are the proud carers of a baby dinosaur!

This half term we will be learning all about dinosaurs and what the world was like when they walked the earth.

Language

Our literacy work this week has centred around the mystery of the egg and the baby dinosaur. We wrote lists of the things we thought we might need to look after a baby dinosaur. We designed WANTED posters for display around the school describing what we thought the dinosaur might look like and we even designed our own dinosaurs!

Maths

We are beginning to develop our knowledge and understanding related to money. This week we have been learning about the different coins we use and have started to make some simple amounts with them. We have also practised counting in 2s to help us when combining 2ps. Our new class role plays involve making simple amounts and paying for items. It has been lovely to see the children applying this knowledge in the context of their play.

Spellings

Our new focus spellings for this half term are:

not, up, put, had, big, he, she, we, me, be

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.

Mother's Day Assembly

On Friday 29th 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 hall and we look forward to seeing you there!

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. We have already organised for members of staff to come and share stories with the children this half term, but if you have not already participated and would like to then please let a member of the team know.

World Book Day

Next Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. On this day the children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book, or in their own clothes for a charity donation of £1. We will be visiting our own school library to share our favourite stories, as well as participating in drama and art activities throughout the course of the day.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team