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Reception Newsletter – 23rd June 2017

Welcome back to our last half term in Reception! We hope you are well rested after our half term break. We are very much looking forward to an extremely busy, although exciting final half term with the children.

Language

Last week we launched our new project, 'Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?' We began by mind-mapping the traditional tales we already know and enjoyed using drama to help us to retell some of these. The children wrote about their favourite tales, using spelling mats to help them with tricky words. This week we have been discussing our favourite memories of Reception so far. We were very surprised by how many fun and exciting events we could remember! Some of our favourites included our trip to Manchester Airport and our Christmas party. All of the children have written about their favourite memories and their wishes for Year One. They thought carefully about their spellings and their handwriting, as this writing will be included as part of their school report, for all of you to enjoy at home.

Maths

Our math's work last week involved lots of calculating. We shared some number problems linked to traditional tales and had to decide if we needed to add or take away to solve them. We then counted on and back to find the answers and recorded our calculations as number sentences. This week we are revisiting 2D and 3D shapes. We have been using shapes to make repeating patterns and have been working hard to describe their properties. We decided that we have lots of items that resemble cuboids in our classrooms, but we found it very hard to find any pyramid shaped objects.

Spellings

Our final set of spellings for this half term are listed below. We will be assessing the children on their ability to spell these words towards the end of term and we will then send home their scores. We are also continuing to assess spellings from tests that have taken place throughout the year. Our new spellings will be:

they, all, are, my, let, will, this, them, that, went

Please continue to practise these at home.

Home Learning

Thank you to everyone who returned their seedlings. The children have now planted these in the outside classroom and are making sure that they are watered every day. We send our apologies to those children whose seeds did not appear to sprout; we think we may have had some very lazy seeds!

Hot Weather

As the weather is getting warmer the children are keen to take off their jumpers and cardigans. Please check that these are clearly named. Children are also encouraged to bring a named, sun hat to school. We advise parents to apply sun cream to children in the morning before they come to school as teachers are unable to apply sun cream to children. Please also ensure that water bottles contain water only and that children bring these to school every day.

Traditional Tales Day

On **Friday 14th July** we will be having our very own 'Traditional Tales Day in Reception. On this day the children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from one of these stories. More information about this special day will follow in the next newsletter.

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is due to take place on Saturday 8th July and everyone is invited! In order to prepare for this exciting event, each year group has been asked to donate an item for a stall. Reception classes are responsible for the cake stall. Please send donations of cakes (bought or home-made) into school on Friday 7th July.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team