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Reception Newsletter – 26th May 2017

Literacy

Last Monday we had a fantastic day at Manchester Airport. The children were wonderful and enjoyed participating in lots of fun activities. Back at school, the children completed some wonderful independent writing to describe our trip. They remembered lots of important writing tricks including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces and we were particularly impressed by their ability to spell lots of high frequency words. This week our literacy work has taken a phonics focus as we have been revisiting some of the sounds we have been finding tricky in our reading books ('oa' as in 'coat', 'ar' as in 'card', 'or' as in 'port', 'air' as in 'hair', 'ear' as in 'hear').

Maths

Our math's work last week involved lots of measuring. We used balances, tape measures, measuring jugs, clocks and stopwatches to solve a range of measuring problems, ensuring the children were using the correct vocabulary to describe their findings (e.g. heavier, lighter etc). This week the children have been working hard to demonstrate their independent application of number skills. We have been ordering numbers to 20, finding one more and one less and solving lots of addition and subtraction problems by counting on and back. Common difficulties have included doubling numbers larger than 5 and finding half of an amount. Please continue to practise these skills at home.

Spellings

This week children have been re-assessed on words they spelt incorrectly in previous assessments, as well as their most recent set of spellings. Scores have now been sent home. Please continue to practise these words at home as we will be revisiting these words next half term. We will also be practising our new spellings. These spellings are:

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

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to support the children on Monday. We had lots of fun and we were very proud of the children. They demonstrated lots of enthusiasm and wonderful team spirit. We are pleased to announce that the winning team was the Red team. Our medal winners were Kyle Lok and Sarah Bradbury. Both children demonstrated perseverance, determination and fantastic sportsmanship. Well done!

Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

Our final project of the year will be focussing upon traditional tales. To launch our project we are setting the children a home learning task which is detailed in children's homework books. We are very excited about this project and have some exciting events planned, including our very own Traditional Tales Day!

Healthy Snacks

Fresh fruit is available in school every day for morning snacks. If you choose to send a snack from home then please ensure that it comprises of either fruit, vegetables, bread or toast.

We hope you have a relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school for our final half term together in Reception!

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team