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Language

Last week we practised our rhyming skills and used Julia Donaldson's 'Superworm' to inspire us to become rhyming detectives. We guessed words that would rhyme within the story and then looked carefully at the words to help us work out which part of the word it was that rhymed. Following this we began to think of our own rhyming strings. We enjoyed making lots of silly rhymes! This week we shared the story of 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants'. Charlie lost his special pants 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 measuring skills. Last week we investigated a range of capacities in order to find the best container to give Superman the biggest drink. We enjoyed using both the inside and outside water trays to investigate this problem and we were able to use the language of full, empty, nearly empty, half full, and nearly full to describe our findings. This week we have been learning about time. We thought about lots of different ways we can measure time including clocks, sand timers, calendars and stop watches. We have introduced the vocabulary of second, minute and hour to the children and have begun to make and read o'clock times on small clocks. We have also been learning songs linked to the days of the week and months of the year.

Spellings

We were very pleased with the spelling assessment results of the children last half term. Please continue to practise these as the children will be re-assessed on them over the course of this half term (the full list of spellings can be found on the Reception page of the school website). In addition to this, we are working hard on being able to read more of our high frequency words on sight, without always sounding them out (these can also be found on the website).

Our focus spellings this half term are:

am, and, dad, an, is, got, on, put, mum, get

Healthy Snacks and water bottles

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 fruit, vegetables, bread or toast. We also ask that children's water bottles contain water only.

Kung hei fat choy!

We have had a wonderful day learning about the celebrations and traditions associated with Chinese New Year. We thoroughly enjoyed creating our very own dragon dance, retelling the story of Chinese New year and the Zodiac and have been very creative when folding and decorating Chinese dragon puppets. As a special reminder of our day all children will be bringing home a 'lucky red envelope' containing a token gift as a thank you for being so enthusiastic in their learning.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team



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