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Reception Newsletter –28th April 2017

We hope you had a restful break. The children have returned full of enthusiasm for our final term together in Reception.

Are we nearly there yet?

Our new project was launched on Monday and will focus upon different types of transport, as well as a consideration of what transport was like in the past. Thank you for all of your support with the home learning task. The children were very enthusiastic when sharing their work and we were very impressed by the range of work that was undertaken. Children have made models, drawn and labelled pictures, written descriptions and even interviewed family members.

Language

We started the week by designing a mind map of the different types of transport we already know. From here, we began to compose questions about things we would like to learn more about over the course of the project. We made sure that our questions began with question words and ended with question marks. We are hoping that we will be able to answer lots of our questions during our school trip to Manchester Airport.

Maths

In our maths work we have been focussing on our calculation skills. We have been solving number problems linked to different types of transport and have been practising counting on and back to solve addition and subtraction problems. We also wrote some of our own number sentences to show how we worked out the problems. Some of the problems involved adding number doubles like 4+4 and 8+8. Why not challenge your child to solve a doubling problem?

Spellings

We are currently in the process of re-testing the children on any words they mis-spelt in our last set of spelling assessments. We are also practising our new spellings regularly. These spellings are:

look, day, him, his, but, can, back, of, if, off

Please continue to practise these at home. If your child is able to confidently spell all of the words correctly, try writing them in the context of a sentence.

School Trip

On Monday 15th May we will be taking the children to Manchester Airport. Please ensure children arrive promptly at school by 8.50 so that we are able to leave the building on time. We will return before the end of the school day. Children do not need to bring their book bags to school on this day, nor their water bottles as drinks will be provided. If you have chosen to send children with a packed lunch from home, please ensure that it is kept in a bag that can be disposed of after lunch. All children must wear their school uniform and bring a suitable waterproof coat with them.

Thank you to all of the parents who have offered to accompany us on this visit- we were overwhelmed by the number of volunteers! Unfortunately we are restricted on the number that we can take. All selected parent helpers will be notified by letter next week. Please arrive at school by 8.50 on the morning so that we can brief you on the timetable for the day, prior to our departure.

School Uniform

As the weather is getting warmer the children are keen to take off their jumpers and cardigans. Please ensure that these are clearly named. Black school shoes must also be worn; please do not send children to school in boots, sandals or trainers. 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.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team



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