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Reception Newsletter – Friday 3rd March 2017

We hope you had a fun and relaxing half term break. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm for our new project and we are looking forward to a busy, yet exciting half term.

Language

This week we shared the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. We followed clues on sparkling fish scales around the classroom and these led us to our focus story. The children listened attentively to the story and were able to suggest some very thoughtful ideas linked to the type of character the Rainbow Fish was at the beginning of the story and how this changed towards the end. This led us to thinking about the qualities of a good friend. We wrote descriptive sentences and letters to our friends (and the Rainbow Fish) using all of our writing targets.

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 2's to help us when combining 2p's. 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 Thursday 23rd 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 and you are all invited!

Parent Survey

We are extremely proud of the progress the children have made on their learning journey so far. We are currently evaluating our projects and learning challenges for future use. In order to help us with this, all children have been issued with a short questionnaire about their learning experiences so far this year. On the reverse of the questionnaire is an opportunity for parents to also give us feedback about how you feel the year has progressed. Please complete this with the children and return it to school so that we can evaluate your feedback and continue to work hard to maintain our home-school partnership.

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. We never could have anticipated how successful the program would be! 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.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team



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