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Reception Newsletter – 11th May 2018

Stockley Farm

Thank you to all those parents who were able to accompany us on our visit to Stockley Farm today. We have had a wonderful day and the children were fantastic! We fed the baby lambs, met the goats and the pigs, groomed a pony and went for a nature trail in the woodland. The children listened extremely well, we were very proud of them.

Language

Last week, in preparation for our visit, we composed questions that we wanted to answer and used information books to help us with our learning about life on the farm. We wrote facts about baby animals and enjoyed watching online video clips to help us with our ideas. This week our language work has had a phonics focus in order to help the children with their spellings of high frequency words. We have also been revisiting some digraphs from earlier in the year.

Maths

In our maths work we have been continuing to rehearse our number knowledge and calculation skills. Last week we used objects, number lines and hundred squares to help us with our counting on and back and we also practised putting the biggest number in our heads and counting on and back on our fingers. Please continue to practise this at home. This week we have been applying our number knowledge in a variety of ways to help us solve problems; we used our calculating skills to help us find the total amounts of money in the purses. We also used our number doubles backwards to help the farmer split the total number of animals on the farm in half.

Spellings

Our focus spellings for this half term are:

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

We will be assessing the children on these words in the coming weeks, as well as re-assessing any words they spelt incorrectly in previous assessments (the full set of words can be found on the Reception page of the school website). 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.

Sports Day

We will be having our Reception Sports Day on Monday 14th May (weather permitting). The fun will begin at 2:00pm on the main field. Parents are welcome to attend to support their children. All children have been given a team colour and they are invited to attend school in their sports kits on that day, preferably reflecting the colour of their team. 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.

Technology Questionnaire

In order to improve our understanding and knowledge of your children even further, we have issued children with a short questionnaire linked to their use of ICT outside of our school setting. Technology seems to be everywhere these days and we are very interested to know what types of ICT (Information Communication Technology) your child uses. We have lots of different ICT available in our setting. It would help us to plan future activities if you could tell us a little bit about the technology your child uses at home/outside of school. Don't worry if you don't have any of the items listed - these just give us a starting point to plan fun future activities.

Thank you for your support,

The Reception Team



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