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Reception Newsletter – 25th May 2018

Literacy

Last week, following our visit to Stockley Farm, the children wrote lovely recounts to describe our trip. They remembered lots of important writing targets 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 centred around the story of the Julia Donaldson book, 'The Scarecrow's Wedding'. On Monday the children were intrigued to discover a trail of straw running through our classroom. We followed the trail and discovered the book, along with two scarecrows! We have been describing the scarecrows in our writing, as well as designing our own! Some children also wrote wonderful retellings of the story, trying hard to apply all of their writing targets.

Maths

Last week we mixed together our shape knowledge with our calculating skills. We revisited the properties of 2D shapes and used the number of sides they had as the basis for solving calculation problems. The children were able to name the shapes and confidently identify the number of sides. They then selected additional shapes and counted on to find the total number of sides of both shapes altogether. This week we have been doing lots of measuring. We have 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).

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 last Monday. We had lots of fun and were very proud of the children. They demonstrated lots of enthusiasm and wonderful team spirit. We are pleased to confirm that the winning team was the Blue team!

Rise and Shine

Our final project of the year will explore the ways in which we can stay healthy and will also celebrate the forthcoming World Cup. The children will be learning about the ways in which they can lead healthy lives, as well as finding out about countries around the world that will be participating in the competition. We are very excited about this project and have some exciting events planned, please see below!

Messy Art Day

On Friday 15th June we will be having a 'messy art day'. On this day we are planning lots of fun and messy activities where we will be painting and making sporting models, as well as participating in lots of cutting and sticking tasks. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes on this day but please ensure that these are old clothes as they will get messy! If you happen to have an old shirt they can wear over their clothes, this would be very useful!

Headlice

We have recently suffered cases of headlice infections within Reception. Despite parents taking all the necessary steps, a number of children through no fault of their own are being re-infected again. We would therefore ask all parents to check their child's hair and treat the whole family if live lice are identified. This will help us reduce the risk of further outbreaks. If you are concerned or require further guidance please contact the School Health Advisors Team on: **01925 867930**.

We hope you have a relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 11th June for our final half term together in Reception!

Thank you for your continued support
The Reception Team