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Reception Newsletter – 5th October 2018

Language

We are enjoying learning lots of new things about the children through our project, 'All About Me'. Last week we thought about and described how we look. We also played guessing games and labelled pictures of ourselves. This week we have been exploring who is in our family. The children have been writing about their family members using the initial sounds they can hear in their chosen words. It has been lovely to see so many children already applying the sounds they have been learning in phonics to their writing! Next week we will be thinking about our local area and where we live.

Maths

Last week we were 'Shape Detectives'. We explored the inside and outside classrooms looking for and naming 2D shapes. We also began to describe some of their properties using the language of 'sides' and 'corners'. This week our learning focus has been upon counting and number recognition. We have been impressed by how well children can recognise numbers in and around the environment; we are now starting to think about how we form these numbers when we write them. Please continue to practise this at home.

Reading

Thank you to everyone who attended our Reading Meeting today. We hope that it provided you with a useful insight into the ways in which we teach the children to read. Please continue to read at least 3 times a week with your child and record the details in their reading record books. The guided reading books are not sent home but children are invited to choose an independent read from our reading corner. These books can be changed by children independently whenever they wish. If your child is forgetting to change their reading book, please let a member of the team know. Please also ensure that reading record books are brought to school every day.

Phonics

The children are enjoying participating in our phonics lessons and have impressed us with their improved pronunciation and recognition of these sounds in their reading books. Each week we will be sending home a phonics bookmark containing the letter sounds we have practised that week. On the reverse of the bookmark is a collection of words for children to practise blending using these sounds. Some weeks these words may not be real words, but silly 'made up' words. Can the children recognise which words are real and which are not?

For guidance on how to pronounce the pure sounds visit <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/tag/phonics/>

Career Day

On Monday 15th October we will be having a 'Career Day' in Reception. On this day children are invited to come to school dressed in a way that reflects their hopes and dreams for the future. We will also be welcoming visitors to the classrooms throughout the course of the week to talk to the children about their professions. Please see the information letter in your child's book bag for information about this day. If you would like to volunteer to come into the classroom and speak to the children about your profession please let a member of the team know.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team