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Reception Newsletter – 21st June 2019

Welcome back to our last half term in Reception! We are very much looking forward to an extremely busy, although exciting final half term with the children.

How does your garden grow?

Our new project was launched last week and will focus upon the things that grow in our gardens, as well as a consideration of where our food comes from. Last week all of the children planted a sunflower seed in a pot in our outdoor classroom. The children are now responsible for looking after their seeds throughout the course of the Summer term and will be able to take them home before the end of the year.

Language

Last week we thought about our favourite memories of Reception so far. We were very surprised by how many fun and exciting events we could remember! Some of our favourites included our trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium and our Christmas party. All of the children have written about their favourite memories and their wishes for Year One. They thought carefully about their spellings and their handwriting, as this writing will be included as part of their school report, for all of you to enjoy at home. This week we have been learning about how plants grow. We have labelled pictures and written about the different parts of a flowering plant.

Maths

Our maths work last week involved lots of counting. We have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and we used this learning to help us solve problems by counting quickly in different ways. This week we are revisiting 2D and 3D shapes. We have been using shapes to make repeating patterns and have been working hard to describe their properties. We decided that we have lots of items that resemble cuboids in our classrooms, but we found it very hard to find any pyramid shaped objects.

Spellings

Our final set of spellings for this half term are listed below. We will be assessing the children on their ability to spell these words towards the end of term and we will then send home their scores. We are also continuing to assess spellings from tests that have taken place throughout the year. Our new spellings will be:

they, all, are, my, let, will, this, them, that, went

Please continue to practise these at home.

Lifecycles

As part of our project work, we have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. Last week each class received a parcel containing a pot of tiny caterpillars. We have been watching the caterpillars get bigger over the last few days and are eagerly awaiting their transformation!

Hot Weather

As the weather is getting warmer the children are keen to take off their jumpers and cardigans. Please check that these are clearly named. 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 and that children bring these to school every day.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team