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Reception Newsletter – 5th July 2019

Language

Last week we shared the traditional tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' with the children. We discussed the repetitive language in the text and enjoyed retelling the story using our character voices and lots of expression. The children wrote about the character of the giant and also began to write their own retellings of the story, ensuring their high frequency words were spelt correctly. This week we have been writing instructions for making bird feeders. We tried very hard to include our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and we thoroughly enjoyed following the instructions to see how clear they were. We have made some excellent bird feeders for our outside classroom.

Maths

Our maths work last week involved solving a variety of measuring problems linked to Jack and the Beanstalk; we measured lengths of beanstalks using our hands, we compared capacities of bowls for the giant's breakfast, we investigated weights of items for Jack to carry down the beanstalk and we used the stopwatch to time how long it would take us to climb the beanstalk (on the climbing frame in the outside classroom). This week we have been practising doubling numbers and we are using this knowledge to help us find half of a number.

Spellings

Our final spellings for this half term are listed below. We will be assessing the children on their ability to spell these words in the next couple of weeks 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 current spellings are:

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

Please continue to practise these at home.

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**.

Masizani Day

Next week we are very excited to be hosting Mr Marivate, the headteacher of our partner school in Pretoria. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Marivate into our classrooms to learn more about South Africa and, in particular, school life at Masizani Primary School. As part of our learning, on **Tuesday 9th July** we will be having our very own 'Masizani Day'. On this day the children are invited to come to school dressed in the Masizani uniform colours of blue and yellow. During the day children will be participating in art, drama, dance and sporting activities in order to develop their global awareness and knowledge of this fascinating country.

New Children

This week we have enjoyed welcoming our new Reception children (September intake) into the classroom to spend some time with us. We were delighted with how well the children interacted with our visitors and made them feel so comfortable and happy. They led tours of the classroom and helped the children with their chosen activities. They were wonderful role models and we were very proud of them!

Swap Over

On Monday 15th July the children will be meeting their new Year One teachers. They will spend the morning in their new classrooms, participating in exciting activities that will help them to settle in to their new classes ready for September.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team