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Reception Newsletter – Friday 14th February 2020

Language

Following our visit from the fire brigade last week, we used non-fiction books to help us learn more about the emergency services. We introduced the children to the vocabulary associated with these texts, including 'contents page', 'index' and 'glossary' and the children used the books to help them locate information and record simple facts. This week we have been using our writing skills to help us describe our wonderful superhero masks. We are particularly focussing on our use of capital letters and our ability to record our Phase 3 sounds in our spellings (a list of these sounds can be found on the Reception homepage).

Maths

Over the last couple of weeks we have been practising our measuring skills. We have been using the vocabulary associated with time and capacity to help us solve problems for superheroes. We thought of ways we could compare containers to find out which would give Superman the biggest drink, as well as using stop watches to time ourselves completing simple tasks. The children have really impressed us with their enthusiasm and problem solving ideas!

After half term we will be learning about money and children will be handling coins and making simple amounts.

Spellings

We have now completed our next stage of spelling assessments. Children have brought home their scores for our recent spelling test, as well as a retest of the words we learnt before Christmas. Please continue to practise these at home.

Our new spellings for after half term will be:

not, up, put, had, big, he, she, we, me, be

Reception's Half Term Reading Challenge

In Reception we love reading. Whether it be guided group reading, shared reading or story times, we love exploring books.

Over half term we are setting the children a homework challenge. We would like the children to read a book in an unusual place and evidence this with a photograph for our classroom displays. Children have been given a simple book review to complete in their homework books to accompany this task. We can't wait to see which weird and wonderful reading spots the children choose!

Mother's Day Assembly

On Friday 20th March, Reception will be leading a special assembly for Mother's Day. We will be celebrating our wonderful mums and exploring why they are so special with children sharing their own ideas and feelings. The service will start at 9.00am in the main hall and we look forward to seeing you there!

The Land Before Time...Walking with Dinosaurs

After half term our new project will explore what the world was like when dinosaurs were alive. We will be learning about lots of different dinosaurs, as well as thinking about how the world has changed and what happened to the dinosaurs.

It is hard to believe that we are now half way through the academic year! We hope all our families have a relaxing break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th February.

Thanks for your continued support,
The Reception Team