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Reception Newsletter - Friday 6th March 2020

The Land Before Time

Last week we received a parcel and a letter from a man named Terry Dactyl. In the parcel was an egg for us to look after. We thought long and hard about what could be inside the egg and read the letter again in search of any clues. On Wednesday the egg started to crack and by Friday something had hatched and escaped from the egg, leaving some tiny footprints. We continued to look for clues as to its whereabouts and have since discovered that we are the proud carers of a baby dinosaur! This half term we will be learning all about dinosaurs and what the world was like when they walked the earth.

Language

Our literacy work has centred around the mystery of the egg and the baby dinosaur. We wrote lists of the things we thought we might need to look after a baby dinosaur. We designed WANTED posters for display around the school describing what we thought the dinosaur might look like and we even designed our own dinosaurs! This week we have been researching facts about dinosaurs and fossils using the non-fiction text, 'Digging up Dinosaurs'. We managed to answer some of the questions from our initial mind map and have been writing about our findings using all of our writing targets. We were particularly surprised to find out that dinosaurs used to be called 'terrible lizards'!

Maths

Last week we began to develop our knowledge and understanding related to money. We learnt about the different coins we use and started to make some simple amounts with them. We also practised counting in 2s to help us when combining 2ps. This week we have been practising our counting skills in order to ensure that we are all counting accurately, forwards and backwards to and from 20. We have been focussing on the teen numbers and are working hard to ensure we can match the numerals to their number names.

Spellings

Our new focus spellings for this half term are:

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

We will also be re-assessing children on any words they were unable to spell in our previous assessment. Please continue to practise these at home.

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!

World Book Day

We had a fantastic day yesterday, celebrating our love of books and enjoyment of reading. The children looked wonderful in their outfits and loved sharing these with each other. Yesterday afternoon the children visited classrooms around the school to share stories and participate in drama, art and craft work. Please see the school website for more information about our 'World Book Day' antics!

Thanks for your continued support,
The Reception Team