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Reception Newsletter – 7th May 2020

Thank you to our wonderful children and families for their continued hard work during this time. We are thoroughly enjoying seeing all of your pictures and reading your lovely comments!

Online Learning Tasks

Following a number of parental enquiries, please be reassured that there is no formal requirement for children to complete all of the tasks that are set online. We understand that it is hard for families to fit home learning time in with all of your other responsibilities. The tasks that we set online are designed to give parents and children an insight into the work that we would be undertaking in school, if we were in. It is our responsibility to ensure that we support children in their learning by providing these resources in order to help them to continue to make progress whilst we are not in school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything your child is finding tricky or if you need further advice on how to support them with their learning at home.

Twitter

Our class pages on the website are in the process of turning into Twitter feeds. As we become more familiar with this new format we will start to upload class news and photographs of children's fantastic home learning! The Reception Homepage will remain the same and this is where we will continue to set the home learning tasks, however, keep an eye on the individual Reception class pages for more information about children's own classes.

Language

We loved reading about how much you enjoyed our 'Jack and the Beanstalk' work from last week and we have seen some fantastic bird feeders being made this week! It is clear to see that children are continuing to work hard on their application of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. When children are set a writing task, please encourage them to use their phonics skills and record their ideas as independently as they can. This way, we are able to see what they can do well and which areas we need to support them in further.

Maths

The children have been working very hard on their calculation skills when counting on and back! This week we are working on our number facts. The tasks that are being set are designed to support children in their calculating by helping them to learn about relationships between numbers and to provide support for counting in different ways. Please encourage children to continue to practise their counting everyday (forwards and backwards from different starting points).

Spellings

Our focus spellings for this half term are:

look, day, him, his, but, can, back, of, if, off

Please also continue to practise previous spellings so that they are not forgotten.

Useful Websites

We are continually looking for new and fun ways to support the children in their learning at home. Please keep an eye on the 'Websites' link on the Reception Homepage for additional links to ideas and activities that you may like to try with your children. Two new additions to these links include 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathseeds'. These websites are designed to support children in their phonic and mathematical development, as well as provide feedback to parents as children progress through the different levels. Recent feedback for both of these websites from parents and teachers has been excellent. Please do take a look if you can.

We send lots of love to all of our children and families. We miss you all and hope that you are staying safe and well. We have made a new video for the children, filled with messages from the teachers. This will be published on the Reception Homepage next week.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team