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Reception Newsletter – 19th June 2020

We hope all of our families had a lovely rest over the Whit break. Welcome back to our final half term in Reception!

Return to School

We were delighted to welcome back some of our children to school this week! It was lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces. Even though the classrooms look very different and our areas of provision are no longer in place, the children coped brilliantly and we are very proud of them! Our online learning will continue to be uploaded each day on the school website for those children who are working from home. We thoroughly enjoy reading your messages and seeing your lovely pictures, so please continue to share these with us.

All Around the World

Our new project has begun and the children have responded to the work they have been set with lots of enthusiasm! Over the next few weeks we will be learning about countries from around the world.

Language

Last week our adventures began in the United Kingdom. We learned lots about our capital city and the children worked extremely hard writing postcards and annotating speech bubbles. We were delighted to see the children using their writing targets in their work! This week we travelled to Australia. Children have worked hard on their rhyming skills and have written some lovely descriptions about their favourite Australian animals. Please remember to encourage the children to use their sound mats to record the words and sentences independently rather than copying them, as we are then able to see where the children might need further support.

Maths

Over the last couple of weeks we have been using online lessons from 'Oak National Academy' to support children in their learning of numbers within 20, shape and pattern. These lessons have been helpful in encouraging children to listen and respond to the teacher, as well as re-visit previous learning and vocabulary. The 'Oak National Academy' offer a range of online lessons across lots of primary subjects. Feel free to explore their website if you require additional support or would like to explore further learning opportunities.

Spellings

Our focus spellings for this half term are:

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

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

Communication

As school remains open for a limited number of pupils only, this also means that staffing levels remain lower than usual. If you need to speak with somebody in school, please continue to do this via email to the school or by using the online worry box on the school website. A member of staff will respond to you as soon as possible. Please do not send written messages into school with children as we are unable to accept these.

Weather

Please ensure that children are sent to school everyday with a waterproof coat so that we are able to use our outside space for lessons, as well as break times, even on rainy days. During the warm weather, children should also bring a sun hat and sun cream should be applied before children come to school as staff are unable to do this.

Reading

We understand that reading may be tricky in the absence of school reading books, but it is vital that children continue to practise their decoding skills and their reading of words on sight whilst they are at home. The Oxford Owl website is a wonderful online resource whereby you can select books according to children's ages or bookbands. Ideally, at the end of the Reception year, children should be able to read texts within the yellow book band.

**Thank you for your continued support and understanding,
The Reception Team**