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Reception Newsletter – 3rd July 2020

All Around the World

We have been delighted by the children's responses to our new and final project in Reception. They have shown enthusiasm and excitement when learning about new countries around the world and we have loved looking at all of their wonderful work! Our project will culminate in a week of learning linked to the Olympics. We will learn about how the Olympics began and the sports that are involved. This is in preparation for the exciting event which has been postponed until next year, so that the children will have some knowledge of the competing countries, as well as the competition itself.

Language

Last week our learning took us to the beautiful country of India, where we learnt about the Hindu God Ganesha and his passion for sweet treats. The children wrote descriptions of Ganesha, as well as constructing descriptions of their own favourite desserts. It is lovely to see so many children remembering to apply their writing targets to their sentences! This week, we have been learning about the USA. The children have been extremely enthusiastic in their work and we have been impressed by their thoughtful and creative writing, particularly about the Disney parks. We have also loved looking at their very imaginative rollercoaster designs! Remember to keep using sound mats to support children in their independent spelling of words.

Maths

We have been using the Oak National Academy online lessons to support the children in their learning of number facts. Last week children worked hard to recall their doubling and halving knowledge. It is important that children practise these skills so that they can apply them to their calculating. This week we are continuing to practise our addition skills by combining quantities and counting on to solve a problem.

Spellings

Our final set of spellings for this half term are listed below. Our spelling investigation presentation can be found on the Reception Homepage on the school website. We will be practising these spellings throughout the half term, before setting an assessment task for children at the end of term. Our new spellings are:

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

Please continue to practise these at home.

Back to School

It has been lovely to welcome back so many of our children to our classrooms. We are so proud of how well the children have adapted to the revised classroom layouts and the new rules and routines. From next week we are able to increase the number of days that children can attend school, but this will only apply to those children who have already been attending as we are now unable to admit new children into the class bubbles. Please note that the new timings for the school day remain the same. Children should arrive promptly for 8:45 and the gates will be closed at 8:50 in order to allow for the staggered arrival of other year groups. We will be unable to accept children who arrive after this time. The end of the day will remain at 2:45 until the end of term.

Thank you

The Reception team would like to extend our thanks to all of our wonderful families. Since the phased re-opening of our school we have received lovely supportive messages from parents and children with regards to the work being set and the happiness of children returning to school. We would like to return these thanks to you for your patience and understanding throughout this unsettling time and for all of your hard work in supporting the children with their learning at home and their transition back to school.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team