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Language

Last week we shared the story of 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants'. Charlie lost his special superhero pants from the washing line following a strong gust of wind. We designed descriptive lost posters to help him find them and even created and wrote about our own superhero underpants! We are now working on our ability to record our Phase 3 digraphs in our spellings. This week we continued our theme of superheroes and read the story 'Superworm'. The children explored rhyme. We listened out for rhyming words in the story and guessed what the rhyming pair would be. We designed a treasure map and wrote a sentence to describe where the treasure was that Supertato needed to find. We focused on listening carefully to all sounds in each word and reminded ourselves of how to find phase 2 and phase 3 sounds on a sound mat. Next week we are going to find out about real-life superheroes and writing facts about them.

Maths

This week we have been practising our measuring skills. We have been using the vocabulary associated with 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. The children have really impressed us with their enthusiasm and problem solving ideas!

Last week we developed our calculation skills focusing on subtraction. We began drawing pictures and taking away objects. Some of us have also practised our counting back skills by putting the biggest number in our heads and counting backwards on our fingers. Next week we will be learning about time. We will learn about using time words and sequencing daily events.

Spellings

We are currently working hard on being able to read more of our high frequency words on sight, without always sounding them out in our reading books (copies of these words can be found on our Reception web page). We are also continuing to practise writing these words.

Our focus spellings this half term are: am, and, dad, an, is, got, on, put, mum, get

Reading Books

Children can change their home reading books every Monday and Thursday. These are the only days that the children need to bring their book bags into school.

Remote Learning

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children for working so hard at home. We are so happy to see the children each day taking part in live lessons. We would also like to say thank you to the grown ups that are supporting the children with their learning. We understand how difficult it must be.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team