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Reception Newsletter - Friday 26th February 2021

The Land Before Time

This 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 this week 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 even made predictions about the different types of dinosaur that could be in the egg and wrote simple sentences to describe them. Next week our learning will take more of a non-fiction focus as we will be learning about the characteristics of different dinosaurs and we will begin to compose questions about things we want to know, to help guide our learning through the project.

Maths

This week we have been developing 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. Next week we will be revisiting our counting on and counting back skills and thinking about our favourite methods for adding or subtracting.

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.

World Book Day

Next Thursday 4th March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. On this day, children are invited to come to school or work from home dressed as a character from a favourite book, or wearing their pyjamas in preparation for a bedtime story.

Return to school on Monday 8th March

We cannot wait to welcome all of our children back to school on the 8th March. We want to extend our thanks to all of our wonderful families for your help and support with the remote learning. We understand how difficult this time has been for so many of you, but your patience and perseverance has been unwaivering. We sincerely hope we can enjoy the rest of the Reception year safely and without any further setbacks. The children will return to school as we begin our 'Science Week'. We look forward to lots of exciting scientific investigating, along with lots of opportunities for play and chatter!

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team