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C of E Aided Primary School
'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly'

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Reception Newsletter – Friday 13th May 2022

Literacy

Last Tuesday, we entered into the classrooms to discover lots of pirate pictures scattered all around, along with a treasure map. We think the pirates were trying to find the map so that they could locate some treasure! The following day, a treasure chest appeared in the classroom containing our new focus text, 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris and Deborah Allwright. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading this story and have been excited each day to discover if the pirates have been back to the classrooms. We have worked very hard to apply our phonic skills when labelling pictures of pirates and ships. We wrote letters to the Night Pirates to ask if we could join their crew. Some of us even write information leaflets, detailing the skills that are needed in order to become a brave and stealthy pirate!

Maths

Last week we revisited our knowledge of 2D shapes. We used the language of 'sides' and 'corners' to help us with our shape descriptions. We used the shapes to make pictures and then we enjoyed describing our pictures to our friends, to see if they could duplicate our designs. This week we are revisiting the ways in which we can make amounts to ten. We are also investigating how we can make numbers bigger by adding amounts to them. The children have loved designing their own addition number stories using our gardening theme, for example, "I planted 6 seeds and then I planted 4 more. Ten flowers grew altogether."

Spellings

Over the next couple of weeks we will be assessing children on their ability to spell these high frequency words:
look, day, him, his, but, can, back, of, if, off

We will also be re-assessing any mis-spelt words from our previous assessments. Please continue to practise these at home.

Smithills Farm

Next Wednesday 18th May we will be taking the children to Smithills Open Farm. Please ensure children arrive promptly at school by 8.50 so that we are able to leave the building by 9.15. We will return before the end of the school day. Children do not need to bring their book bags to school on this day, nor their water bottles as drinks will be provided. If you have chosen to send children with a packed lunch from home, please ensure that it is kept in a bag that can be disposed of after lunch. All children must wear their school uniform and bring a suitable waterproof coat with them.

Thank you to all of the parents who offered to accompany us on this visit- we were overwhelmed by the number of volunteers! Unfortunately we are restricted on the number that we can accept. All selected parent helpers should now have been notified by class teachers. Please arrive at the school office by 8.50 on the morning so that we can brief you on the timetable for the day, prior to our departure.

Lifecycles

As part of our project work, we are learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. At the beginning of this week we received a parcel containing a pot of tiny caterpillars. We have been watching the caterpillars get bigger over the last few days and are eagerly awaiting their transformation!

Nuts

Please ensure that children do not bring any food in their lunchboxes that may contain nuts. We have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team