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Reception Newsletter – Friday 27th May

We have had a very busy half term! The children have worked so hard and thoroughly deserve their well-earned rest when we finish for our half term break today. It is hard to believe we will soon be entering into our final half term of the Reception year!

Language

Last week we shared the Julia Donaldson story, 'The Scarecrows' Wedding'. The children loved the book and enjoyed using our scarecrow props to retell the story. We wrote character descriptions, as well as WANTED posters for the mean scarecrow. We also designed our own scarecrows and thought carefully about all of our writing targets when we wrote our descriptive sentences. This week we have been assessing the children's independent writing skills. We are learning about farms and the things that we might see on a farm, as well as the different kinds of food we get from farms. The children have impressed us by their independent ability to remember capital letters, full stops and finger spaces!

Maths

In our maths work we have been learning how to subtract and solve number problems using objects, tens frames and part whole models. Please continue to practise this at home. This week we have been applying our number knowledge in a variety of ways to help us solve problems. We have taught the children how to solve double problems and how to recognise odd and even numbers. They have worked really hard!

Spellings

Our focus spellings for this half term are:

look, day, him, his, but, can, back, of, if, off

Please continue to practise these at home, particularly those words that contain the letters 'b' and 'd' as these can easily be mis-orientated. If your child is able to confidently spell all of the words correctly, try writing them in the context of a sentence.

Snacks

We are able to offer the children a healthy snack in school every day. If you choose to send a snack from home, please ensure that it reflects a healthy choice of either fruit, vegetables, bread or toast. Please do not send rice cakes, yoghurt coated treats or breakfast bars.

Reading

Staff will set reading books for children to read on Oxford Owl. Please log in to read the book that has been set for your child. If your child has read the book and is confident answering questions about the story then try the quiz too. The children are making excellent progress in their reading skills and we very much appreciate the time that parents are spending to support children in this. Thank you!

Sports Day

Please ensure you check your child's book bag as they are bringing home information about our sports day. This event is due to take place on Tuesday 28th June at 2pm and each child is asked to come to school wearing sporty clothes that show the colour team they are representing.

We hope you all have a wonderful break!

Thank you for your support,

The Reception Team