Term 4 2020

Notes for Reception Parents

Welcome back, we are looking forward to another busy term.

Our areas for learning this term will focus on “Castles” and “Traditional stories and tales”.

Along with the rest of the school we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2020 and would like to invite the children to come dressed as their favourite story character. Children may also bring in the book that their character is from, but please ensure that it is named clearly. Please do not feel obliged to purchase a ready-made costume – the best ones are often homemade.

We will continue with all our number based activities and will consolidate work on halving, sharing, doubling and problem solving. In our daily maths meetings, we will continue to build on our number skills, knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, money, capacity and measuring time and distance.

We have been assessing the children and are pleased with the progress made. To support your child’s learning please continue to use numbers cards sent home in book bags to play recognition and ordering games. They could also be used to create addition and subtraction sums and to make up number problems to challenge them to think and explain what they are doing. The children now have lots of words and sounds in their tubs. Sight word recognition remains important but please also encourage your child to use the words to build sentences and write words from memory. Please do try to read with your child at least 5 times throughout the week, just a little time spent each day is amazingly beneficial.

Just a reminder for you to use the Interactive Learning Diary to share with us your child’s out of school achievements no matter how great or small. The children have enjoyed seeing their observations from home shared on the class whiteboards, and we love hearing about their activities.

We are sure by now that the children will have told you about our “Must do jobs” giving the children greater responsibility for their own learning.

Clothing

Gentle reminder to please ensure that all children's clothing is named, as our lost property box grows on a daily basis. Could we also remind all parents that water bottles should not be transported to and from school in book bags as spillages result in damaged books. Also a plea again for water bottles to be filled only with water, rather than juice.

We have also had an issue with the number of large keyrings attached to children’s book bags. This makes opening and closing the child’s drawer very difficult. We appreciate that all the bags are identical and a keyring allows children to recognise their own bag amongst many. Could you therefore limit the keyrings to one small/flat one. Thanks.

Thank you for all your support

The Reception Team