

Friday 23rd September 2016

Reception News

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Wow what a busy start to term it has been! The children have done well learning all the routines and where everything is in school. We have already been visited twice by the 'Marble Fairy' with a reward for being so fantastic!



The children are really doing well with their word workshops- this is where they learn the letters sounds and names, and this will help with both their reading and writing. We are using the letter sounds (phonemes) to segment words for spelling now, eg: pat = p-a-t. We then use sound buttons to blend words for reading eg:

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Your child has now got their first reading books and word workshop. Do please remember to practise your child's word workshop- it will really help your child with their reading and their writing. Not all the first books have words, but your child can use the pictures to tell the story. When you read with your child remember to note any comments in the reading diary too.

If you want to discuss anything related to word workshop or reading with your child, you are welcome to drop in after school. There will be a '**Reading and Writing Afternoon**' on Tuesday 4th October from 2.00pm. We will be sharing what we do in phonics, how we help them with their reading and what we are doing to help develop writing skills. This will also be an opportunity for you to see what we have been doing in class, looking at your child's Learning Journals.



This half term our topic is '**Ourselves**', we have been finding out about our families, who is special to us and what makes a good friend. We are thinking about our senses; what they are and how we use them to find out about the world around us. This week we have focused on our sense of hearing. We have been on listening walks, thinking about sounds near and far, loud and soft. We have used stories including 'Peace at Last' and 'Owl Babies' to help think about sounds around us in the day and in the night.

Next week we are going to be thinking about how we look after ourselves and what we do to stay healthy, we will be thinking about how and why we wash our hands, clean our teeth, and what are healthy foods to eat. If you have any magazines with pictures of food in we would be very grateful - we are going to be using them to sort foods in different ways.





We have been having fun counting and today went on a number hunt for 'Collections of 5' on the field and in the classroom. Please find attached an activity to do at home with your child, this is to reinforce what we are learning in school and we hope you can have fun together! I wonder what 'Collections of 5 objects' you will find over the next week!

Just two reminders!

Please could you remember it is PE on Tuesday so if you have not sent in a PE kit your child will need one next week. To make it easier for girls, try to avoid tights. You could help your child by helping them to practice doing up and undoing buttons. Also if your child wears earrings, they need to be able to remove them or leave them off on Tuesdays.



We look forward to seeing you at the harvest festival at the church next **Friday 30th September at 2.00pm**. We are busy practising a song to perform in the service, so hope you can join us.

Watch out for the next news letter from Reception next week.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Wicks and the Reception Staff