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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2 2017

Welcome to Spring 2! We have an exciting half term planned and are keeping our fingers crossed for some good weather so that we can make full use of our outside space in the coming months. Thank you for all the effort put in to raising funds through the cake sales for the Reception classes. We are hoping to use the money to enhance our outside area and will be asking the children what they would like to spend it on to make their learning experiences outdoors even more fun.

Our topic this half term is 'Going Places'. We will be looking at different types of transport, starting with land vehicles. This has tied in well with the exciting John Cobb event held this week. We have even organised some racing events of our own, including 'The Great Snail Race,' which unsurprisingly proved to be very slow!

Books we will be using to support the children's learning include; *Naughty Bus*, *Mr Gumpy's Outing*, *Whatever Next*, *Beegu* and *Little Rabbit Foo Foo*.



In letters and sounds we will be completing phase 3, revisiting and reviewing all the sounds and putting greater emphasis on applying them in our writing. For those of you who attended our Phonics workshop, we hope this has been useful to you and has given you some ideas for supporting your child at home. We are hoping to hold a similar workshop for Maths in the Summer term. More details to follow.

Show and Tell

Whilst we encourage children to bring things into school related to our topic or their interests/learning outside of school e.g. awards, souvenirs, examples of home learning, please encourage your child not to bring toys in to school as they often get lost or broken and can detract from the learning taking place.

End of School Pick up

Can we please remind parents that our outside area is an extension of our learning environment. We are finding that at the end of the day our children and their siblings are accessing resources and leaving the area untidy. We are also concerned about the safety of children out of school hours. Therefore please ensure that you supervise your children and vacate the area as quickly as possible to allow the Reception team to prepare resources for the next day.

Reading at home

Please continue to ensure that you sign the reading record when you have read with your child. It is really important that the class teacher knows that reading is being practised at home or books will not be changed.

In maths we will be continuing to develop problem solving skills and developing mathematical ideas. Children need to be confident with recognising numbers from 1-20 and understanding their numerical value. Please continue to practise number and counting skills at home in different contexts.

Dates for your Diary

World Book Day - 2nd March
Parents Evening - 6th/8th March
Life Bus visit - 27th March
Trip to Ladyland Farm - 23rd June

How you can help

If you are having a clear out of old toys, the Reception and Nursery would welcome any "small world" toys such as pirates, knights, dolls, fairies etc.. We would also be grateful for any donations of playdough ingredients such as flour, corn flour, oil, salt and cream of tartar.

If you would like to contact us, please feel free to e-mail us at:
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