



Reception Class Newsletter April 2010

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the Easter break, I hope you all had a lovely Easter. It is hard to believe we are now in the final term, it has gone so quickly! This term our topic is Traditional Tales and we will be looking at a variety of stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood.

Language and Literacy

The children have done extremely well learning Speed Sounds Set 1 in RML. They are now using these sounds to build words and make sentences. We will gradually begin to introduce Speed Sounds Set 2 as we feel the children are ready.

Reception class are now becoming more independent writers. They are all working hard to use the skills learnt in RML to write words and sentences in their independent writing.

So we are able to fit in our new P.E scheme Leap into Life. Children will now have opportunities to change their library books on a Monday.

This term the children will have opportunities to role play stories, order events, and experience a variety of writing such as letters, lists and posters.

Mathematical Development

This term we will continue to work on addition and subtraction. We will look at how to write numbers up to and above 20. The children will have opportunities to use money in role play situations and they will learn to recognise different coins. They will learn to recognise and describe 2d and 3d shapes. Reception will also be making their own clocks.

Topic

Our topic this term is "Traditional Tales." Children will learn about different stories and characters and have opportunities to retell and perform the stories for themselves. We will be having a number of themed days such as a Reception Grand Ball and a Teddy Bears Picnic. We will also be beginning a series of 'Stay and Play' sessions, where we would like to invite parents in to school to work on an activity with the Reception Class. More information to follow shortly!!

Giants Castle/Three Bears cottage.

The role-play area this term will be set up as a Giants Castle and The Three Bears Cottage. Within this area the children have the opportunity to socialise and play together, whilst also developing their language skills.

Water Bottles

We are really keen to make sure that the children drink plenty of water. As the weather is hopefully getting warmer it is important that children bring a water bottle each day.

P.E.

This term we are using a new P.E scheme called Leap into Life. Reception will now have four different half hourly P.E slots taking place on a **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**. It is really important that children have their full P.E kit in school each day so they can access these lessons safely and comfortably.

Thank you.

Home Links

We have continued to find the home school link books really useful and would appreciate it if you continue to use them to inform us of any information you feel we should know.

A big thank you for the 'WOW' cards we have received so far. The children have really enjoyed sharing their achievements with their friends in Reception. Please let me know if you are yet to receive a letter about our new 'WOW' cards.

Toast

When the children begin in class one they will buy their toast on the playground each day. After the half term holiday we will be supporting the children in lining up on the playground with the other children to buy their toast. Hopefully this will help the children's transition into year one. It would be helpful if after the half term break the children could bring 20p each day to buy their toast. Thank you for your support with this.

Summer Weather

We try to use the Reception outdoor area on a daily basis. On very warm days you are welcome to send your child into school with a sun hat and sun cream to protect them from the sun.

Thank you, Miss Westwood

16th April 2010