

# Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 11th May 2018

This week we have been looking at what lives under the sea. We all learnt something new about sea creatures (we had never heard of) and some interesting facts. The children made their own fish using different texture materials.

Keeping with our pirate theme we spoke about items pirates might find useful and important and what they might keep in their treasure chest. This linked to our writing focus and P4C (philosophy for children). Children wrote about their own treasures and what they think is important to them or their favourite things that they would keep in a treasure chest. Children were also keen to show off their writing and using the correct letter formation.

We have revisited subtraction in numeracy this week, using a method called 'part-part-whole'. This helps the children to break the number problem down to find the answer. The children found this method useful and applied it successfully to answer number problems.

Thank you for your continued support with homework and reading. However, we have noticed a number of children are not returning their reading books and comments are not being wrote inside the reading record book. If reading books are not returned, we are unable to change them to send new books home. We do ask that homework and reading books are returned the following week by Wednesday at the latest to be prepared for Friday. If there is an issue with homework or reading please speak to a member of Reception staff.

Due to the warm weather, children have been taking off their cardigans and sweatshirts. To save any mix up or items going missing can you double check uniforms over the weekend to make sure your child's name is clearly labelled.

Hopefully the weather is going to stay how it has been. If so, we are planning an afternoon walk to Doric Park next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. We will leave after lunch and be back before home time. This is for children to look at the local area and signs of summer.

Enjoy the weekend.

Reception Staff