

Reception Newsletter

26th February 2016

This week in Reception

Our topic for this half-term is animals. We began with a mind map by asking the children what they already know about animals generally and what they would like to find out. This will form the basis of our work over the next few weeks. If you have a photograph of a family pet please send it to school. This will take the form of a speaking and listening activity leading on to a writing focus about their pet or a pet they would like. In writing we have been looking at labelling and writing captions using our knowledge of Letters and Sounds. We are very impressed with the children's progression in writing.

In number we have added numbers together and also introduced the concept of halving numbers. Suggestions at home could be.....At teatime, how many sausages? Put half on my plate, half on yours and so on. 6 sausages, half of 6 is 3, 3 for you and 3 for me. What would happen if we had 7 sausages? Practical activities like this with real things will support their work in school.

Please make sure your child's PE kit is always in school.

Our school website is updated regularly with photographs of what the children get up to during their school day so make sure you have a look! The school also has a Twitter account so look out for tweets to find out what is happening in school.

School is collecting Sainsbury's vouchers so please send them to school if you have any.

The hyacinth plants the children brought home this week were planted in October and put in the greenhouse. We have watched them grow and change over time. The smell inside the greenhouse the children said was beautiful!

Mrs Bennett's class will be visiting the library next week. If you have not returned the library form your child will be unable to choose a book to take home. If you are able to join the class on the visit, the more parents the better especially to help with walking along, please let Mrs Bennett know.

A reminder it is World book day on Thursday 3rd March. Children can come to school dressed in their favourite book character. For those children for whom the school receives Pupil Premium money we may be able to help towards any costs.

Speak to your child's class teacher. Miss Lawrenson and Mrs Riley are thinking of dressing up as characters from the Roald Dahl story Matilda—Miss Honey and Miss Trunchbull, so if you are stuck for a character maybe Matilda or one of her friends from the story could be an idea and would be quite easy to do. If you are unsure or have not yet applied for Pupil Premium we have forms we can fill in with you or visit The One Stop shop on Derby Lane. The school receives extra money for children whose family income is below a certain figure or who may be in receipt of certain benefits. The extra money the school receives then can contribute towards the cost of trips out and extra resources to enhance the curriculum for your child. Feel free to speak to a member of staff or the office staff if you prefer but it is definitely worth applying. You never know.

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