

Reception Newsletter

January 2015

This week in Reception

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays and a *Happy New Year*. We hope it will be a really good 2016 for you, your family and friends. It is lovely to see how settled the children have returned to school and they look like they have grown over the holiday.

Our topic for this half term is "*Would you have a dinosaur as a pet?*". We began the week by taking children in their key groups to investigate the outdoors and look for clues on what they think the Christmas Cabin had been transformed into. At first the children suggested The Three Bears cottage because it looked like a cottage in the woods so went off looking for three beds, chairs, bowls.....and bears. They quickly realised as one little girl shouted, "It's an explorers house". Our outdoor cabin has been changed into an explorers den full of maps, reference books, binoculars and so on and even has a sleeping bag with a mosquito net. If you have any old cameras, mobile phones (which we could use as walkie-talkies), torches or maps at home that are just lying in a drawer please send them to school. In our construction shed the builders now have the job to build a jeep for the explorers to travel in on their expedition. Next week we will be making papier mache volcanoes to create a dinosaur world. If you have any old newspapers please send them to school on Monday.

Over this half-term we are hoping to; book Dinosaur Darren who visits schools and gives children the experience of digging for fossils and so on, visit the museum and possibly have a trip to the cinema to see "The Good Dinosaur".

A big well done to the children who received a medal and certificate this week for 100% attendance throughout the Autumn Term, as well as those who received a certificate for achieving above the school target of 97% attendance or for improved attendance. Photographs are on the website.

Please return your child's PE kit to school if you haven't already done so.

A reminder that the weekly snack money is £1.50. A different group of children decided what our healthy snacks would be this week then wrote the shopping list before making our weekly trip to Asda. Customers and staff within the store commented on the children's excellent behaviour. We even met one of our dinner ladies there who helped us in our search for crackers to go with our dips!

Best Wishes

Reception Staff

