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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 3rd June 2019

Dear Parents

We started this week by introducing our new topic about transport. Many of the children were excited to tell us how and where they have travelled over the holidays. Children have travelled by aeroplane, train, bicycle, foot, boat, scooter and zip wire! In Bird Family meetings, we talked about democracy and voted in our final Top Birds for the year. Mrs Laing led an assembly on Thursday in which she introduced children to this year's six science books from the Royal Society, which we have been invited to help judge.

Literacy

The children have been challenged to answer questions in a reading quiz. The quiz has involved the children reading to their teacher, reading and answering some yes/no questions and using their phonetic knowledge to spell. We have been so proud of the children's enthusiasm to do their best and most of the children have demonstrated excellent progress in reading this year. We have practised speed sounds every day with a focus on 'special friend' sounds, for example 'sh', 'th', 'ay', 'ee'. If you would like a new sound sheet, please make a note in your child's reading record.

We talked about different forms of transport and drew a picture of somewhere in the world we would like to travel to and how we would get there. The children used their phonic knowledge to write a description of this. All the children thought carefully about letter formation, finger spaces and writing along a line.

Maths

We were so excited to invite Year 6 children into our classrooms for maths this week. Our focus has been working with numbers to 20. The children, supported by older friends, played board games in small groups. Games involved counting on and back from a given number, counting in 2's and moving along the number of places shown on the throw of a dice. We have all practised forming numbers and recognising numerals to 20 in and out of order.

Games

We have finalised the teams and running orders for our sports day races in a couple of weeks' time. The children are really enjoying working in teams and competing against friends as they practise various physical skills.

Other lessons and activities

Our butterflies are thriving in the “butterflyarium”. We have been very carefully looking for signs of the butterfly life cycle starting again and we think we have seen tiny eggs on the underside of the thistle leaves. We will be closely observing any changes over the next few weeks.

Bressingham Steam Museum and Gardens

We are looking forward to our trip next week. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before they come to school. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Please ensure they have the following in school: sun hat, PE kit, jogging bottoms and school fleece. Thank you.

Over the weekend

If you are out and about this weekend, you may like to see if you can spot numbers on different forms of transport. What is the biggest number you can name? You could also draw or paint a picture of a form of transport or make a model using recycled, or art and craft materials.

Special Books

We are keeping all the children’s special books this weekend; we are sure you will look forward to a double edition next week.

Sun cream

In consultation with our school doctor, Dr Carroll, we have purchased *Nivea Sun Kids sensitive protect and care 50+* sun cream, to be used as a top up for Reception children. Please ensure that your children come to school already wearing sun cream. We will then top up if needed at lunchtime. If you do not wish your child to use this cream, please let us know and send in an alternative. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are happy for us to apply this cream. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 12th June – 9.30am - 3.00pm: Reception trip to Bressingham Steam Museum and Gardens

Wednesday 19th June – 2.00pm: Reception Sports Day on the front lawn

Monday 24th June: Bring a bear to school for the Teddy Bear’s Picnic, with donations to the School charity

Wednesday 26th June: Royal Norfolk Show day – school closed

Tuesday 9th July: Moving up day for Reception

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing, Mrs Parker and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries