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We pray together. We play together. We learn together.

Reception Newsletter

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Dear Parents /Carers,

We have had a fabulous week in Reception this week and the children are really looking forward to our Stay and Play on Thursday.

Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have been exploring the classic author Beatrix Potter. We began the week by getting to know the author and reading lots of her stories, including: The Tale of Peter Rabbit, The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin, The Tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher and The Story of Miss Moppet. The children were asked lots of different questions about what happened in the stories and the characters Beatrix Potter created. The children then looked at and talked about some character profiles. The profiles told us the character's name, personality, hobbies, favourite activities and favourite foods. The children did really well at predicting some of these things before they were shown, as they could remember things about the characters from the stories.

For our Big Draw this week the children created their own Beatrix Potter character. Thinking about a name, what personality they might have and what hobbies they would have. The children came up with some fantastic characters.

Suggested activities:

- **Maybe you could ask your child to describe and explain the character they created.**

Letters and Sounds

The children have been introduced to digraphs this week. A digraph is a phoneme made up of two letters. They have also learnt 3 new tricky words. We have used flash cards to practise new phonemes and applied these sounds to words and sentences.

Phonemes: sh/ch/th/ng

Tricky words: we, be, me

Maths

In maths this week the children have been thinking about subtraction. The children have been encouraged to use a variety of vocabulary when talking about our calculations. We have been using characters from our Beatrix Potter stories to help us. The children have helped me to count out an amount of lettuces and then used

number lines and their fingers to count backwards to work out how many we would have left if Peter Rabbit took some away.

Key Vocabulary: subtract, take away, what's the difference, minus.

Suggested activities:

- Use the language of subtraction with your child e.g. during dinner time - How many chips have you got? If you take away 2 (eat them) how many will you have left?
- Make a number track - use a toy/teddy to work out simple subtractions

Come and See

In RE this week we have talked about Lent as a time to prepare for Easter and think about ways in which we can grow to care more, share more and help more. The children recognise ways in which they can do this and we have shared these ideas as a class.

Easter Stay and Play / Reading meeting

Just a reminder that you are all invited to attend our reading meeting next week, (Thursday 17th March at 1:00pm) followed by our Easter stay and play. It will be a lovely afternoon for you and your children to enjoy a variety of Easter activities. We will be doing lots of activities outside so come prepared! We would be very grateful for any donations of plants or seeds which you can help the children plant during the afternoon. We will also have two tonnes of soil and sand to move so the more volunteers the better! We are developing the outside classroom for the children to enjoy.

Story Barn

After Easter Reception and Year One will be going on a trip to visit the Storybarn at Calderstones. The Storybarn at Calderstones is an interactive story-centre for young people to explore, share and discover their love of books. The date for this is still to be confirmed; we will let you know as soon as possible.

Miss Langton

I would just like to say a big thank you for the completed questionnaires that have been returned this week to assist me in my studies. It isn't too late to return any outstanding questionnaires next week if you wish to. Thank you for your time and support, it is greatly appreciated ☺

Diary Dates

Reception Stay and Play - Thursday 17th March @ 1:00pm

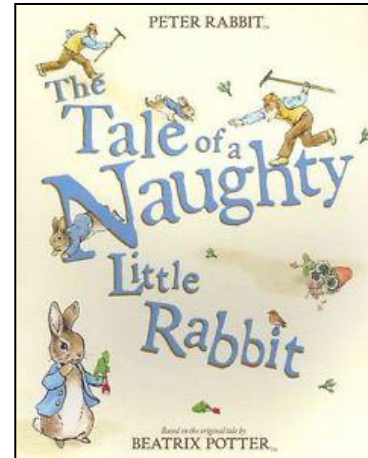
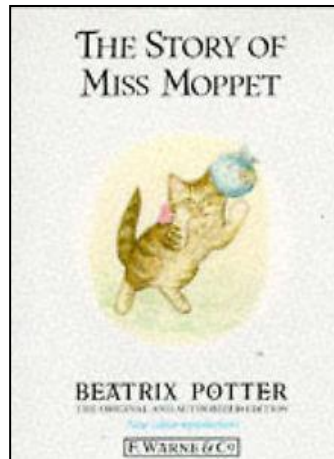
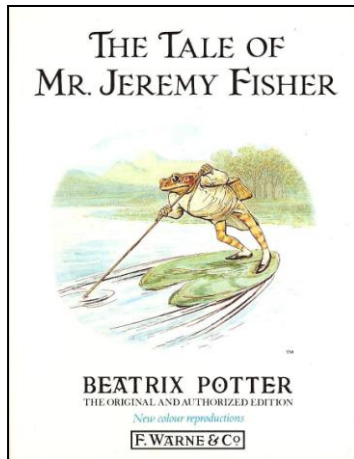
End of term - Thursday 24th March @ 2:00pm

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Smith, Mrs Evans, Miss Langton & Ms Connolly ☺

We Love to Read...

This week we have been reading Beatrix Potter



Which one was your favourite?