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

Reception Newsletter

18th March 2016

Dear Parents /Carers,

What a lovely week! Thank you so much to everyone who was able to come to Receptions Easter stay and play yesterday. It was a very successful afternoon and the children really enjoyed it. It has also been Sports Relief week and the children have taken part in lots of charitable activities - thank you for all of your kind donations.

Literacy

In Literacy this week the children have been learning about spring. We have looked at different ways we can find information and explored all of these areas. The children have been introduced to a variety of non-fiction books about spring, we found out lots of information here. The children have been able to mind map everything they know about spring and create sentences from this mind map. In the big draw today the children created their very own information booklets about spring. I was very impressed with all the facts the children had remembered. Well done everyone!

Suggested activities:

- **Maybe you could go on a spring walk and see if your child can spot any signs of spring.**

Letters and Sounds

The children have been introduced to 3 new digraphs and a trigraph this week. They have also learnt 2 new tricky words. We have used flash cards and Phonics games to practise new phonemes and applied these sounds to words and sentences.

Phonemes: ai/ee/igh/oa

Tricky words: was, my

Regularly used phonics websites:

www.phonicsplay.com

www.educationcity.com

Maths

In maths this week the children continued to explore subtraction. They are now aware of a variety of ways to work out these calculations and are able to select what works best for them (these were included in last week's newsletter). The children have also been using similar techniques to work out simple addition calculations.

Key Vocabulary: subtract, take away, what's the difference, minus, addition, add, plus, how many altogether?

Suggested activities:

- **Make some addition/subtraction cards - turn them all upside down and ask your child to select one to work out. They can work it out however they feel most comfortable.**

Sports Relief Week

The children have had a very busy week, taking part in many Sport Relief activities. The children have hula-hooped, skipped, jumped, ran and dressed up all to help raise money for a very good cause. Well done everyone I am very proud of you all!

Water bottles

Just a quick reminder... can you please ensure that water bottles are taken home each weekend. We seem to have a large collection of water bottles left over on a Friday.

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

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

Have a lovely weekend,

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