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

Reception Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy week in Reception this week. The children have enjoyed being in year One for a morning and welcoming the new Reception class. The children had a chance to meet them and are already beginning to form some lovely relationships.

Letters and Sounds

In Letters and Sounds this week we have been reading words and sentences that include both phase 2 and phase 3 sounds. The children have been practising orally segmenting and blending words with double and triple letter sounds. The children have also recapped the tricky words; we, be and me.

Phase 3 sounds recapped this week: sh, ch, th, ng

Literacy

In Reception we have our very own caterpillars; the children have been observing them and watching them grow. In Literacy this week the children have listened to the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. This has helped them to understand the life cycle of a butterfly. We began the week by reading the story and talking about what had happened. The children then helped me to write a list of all the different items of food the caterpillar ate during the story. We then watched an animated clip that explained the life cycle of a butterfly. At each stage the children and I made up an action or movement to represent what was happening- this helped the children to remember the stages in the correct order.

Key words: egg, caterpillar, larvae, cocoon, pupa, chrysalis, butterfly

In the Big Draw this week the children have drawn the life cycle of a butterfly and talked about each stage. We have encouraged the children to use the key words, as above, when talking about the different stages.

Maths

This week the children have been focusing on the following objectives:

- Recognising numbers up to 20
- Subtraction of numbers up to 10

In Maths this week the children have been problem solving using subtraction. They have been given problems to solve; they have talked about their answers and then have tried to explain how they got to their answers and how they know they are correct.

The children have used many strategies to work out their answers including:

- counting back
- using their fingers
- using a number line
- using objects/pictures

Come and See

This week in *Come and See* the children have learnt about Islam. At the beginning of the week the children took it in turn to talk about an object that is special to them. They were asked some of the following questions:

- What is your most precious object?
- Why is it special?
- How long have you had it?
- Where do you keep it?
- How do you treat it?

We then talked about how different religions have different objects that are special to them. We talked about the Muslim religion having a special book called the Qur'an and special mats called Prayer mats. The children were able to look at and talk about these objects and how they are used by Muslims. The children recognise that these objects are special to the Muslim religion and can talk about how they take care of them.

Snack Money

Snack money is paid on a half-termly basis. This half term snack money will be £9.00 the children, as always, are provided with a healthy snack. If snack money is still outstanding from previous terms can you please send it in with this term's money.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Smith, Ms Connolly & Miss Langton ☺

Dates for Diary

Own Clothes Days:

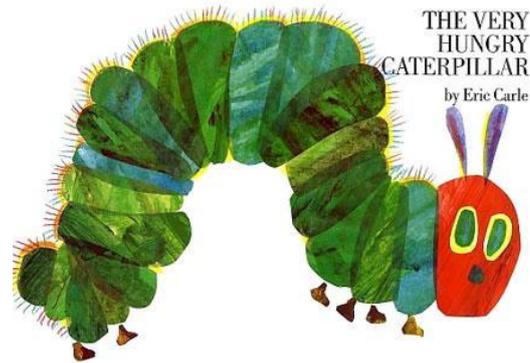
Friday 1st July. - Donations of alcoholic drinks.

Friday 8th July - Donations of cakes and biscuits

Sports Day - Friday 8th July
Rejoice Assembly - Friday 15th July

We Love to Read!

This week in Reception we have read...



What was your favourite part?

If you have a book at home that you love to read maybe you would like to bring it in to share with the class at story time.