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

# Reception Newsletter

29th April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another lovely week in Reception, on Monday the children met our new rugby teacher, Grant. The children are really enjoying these sessions and it is lovely to see them develop their throwing and catching skills. The children have also been practising the schools rise and shine dance ready to be recorded in June.

## Literacy

In Literacy this week the children have become familiar with the story 'The Enormous turnip'. At the beginning of the week the children drew a story map to help them to remember and retell the story; the children also used actions for different characters and used these to join in with repeated refrains. On Wednesday the children began to create their own story influenced by 'The Enormous Turnip' they began by talking about the characters and how they could be changed, they then thought about what happened at the end of the story and how it could be adapted. This then supported them during their Big Draw creating their own stories. I have been so impressed with their ideas and drawings.

## Maths

This week in Reception we have been focusing on number. The children have been encouraged to count objects using one to one correspondence, moving objects when possible to ensure they don't count objects twice. They have also been given the opportunity to count out objects from a larger group. This has all been applied to a variety of mathematical problems involving addition and subtraction.

### Letters and Sounds

This week Reception have learnt 1 new phoneme: er  
And 1 new tricky word: her

We have also been revising some of the phase 3 sounds the children are unsure of, for example /oi/ and /ur/. The children are starting to read two syllable words by splitting them up and becoming more confident when reading words in sentences.

This week the children have played a new game on phonics play called sentence substitution, mixing and matching their own sentences.

### Come and See

This week we have explored a picture from Church Story 1, named Good News for everyone. The children have talked about people going to church to celebrate the Good News of the coming Holy Spirit.

### Reading Books/RARA books

Next week RaRa books and reading books will be changed on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. However, they will be changed by the children in class at the usual time of 8:55am, as the hall will be set up for Year 2's RaRa's. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Snack Money

Snack money is paid on a half-termly basis. This half term snack money will be £10.50. 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.

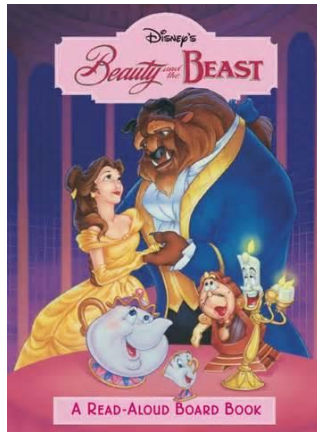
Have a fantastic weekend,  
Miss Smith, Ms Connolly & Miss Langton ☺

### Dates for Diary

Reception/ Y1 trip- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

# We Love to Read!

This week in Reception we read the beginning of Eve's favourite book...



What do you think might happen next?

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.