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

# Reception Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Parents /Carers,

I would like to say a great big thank you to all who attended our Mother's day tea party on Wednesday and I hope those unable to attend received their gifts off the children. I think you will all agree it was a lovely afternoon; the children really enjoyed it after all of their preparations. I hope you all enjoyed your surprise song; the children worked really hard- learning lots of words in such a short space of time. They deserve a big well done!

## Literacy

We began Literacy this week by continuing with our Mother's Day preparations. The children and I thought about what we would need to make our sandwiches and together wrote our shopping list. We then talked about instructions and how when we write instructions we have to write as if we are telling someone what to do. The children used some key vocabulary to help then build their sentences. The children then had lots of fun following these instructions to make their own sandwiches for you to enjoy. The children then had to think about their cupcake design. The children looked at all of the decorations available and then planned what they wanted their cake to look like. We also talked about how when we are making plans we can use labels to help us remember what we placed where.

Key vocabulary: instructions, first, next, then, lastly.

On Wednesday we began reading stories by Oliver Jeffers, he is our class author and as it was World Book Day this week we have enjoyed a variety of his stories. For our big draw this week the children focused on the story 'Stuck'. The story is about a little boy who gets his kite stuck in a tree and tries using lots of weird and wonderful things to get it down, however, all of these things get stuck also. The children have discussed how they could help Floyd get his kite down. The children drew their idea during this week Big Draw.

## **Suggested activities:**

- **Maybe you could ask your child to retell their favourite Oliver Jeffers story.**

### Letters and Sounds

The children have been introduced to 3 new phonemes this week along with 2 new tricky words. They have picked up our new sounds really quickly and are starting to use these to read words and sentences.

Phonemes: y/z/qu

Tricky words: He, she

### Maths

In maths this week our focus has been time and being able to recognise each hour at o'clock. The children began the week talking about our daily routines. They were then introduced to a clock and we talked about the big hand being the minute hand and the small hand being the hour hand. The children are becoming increasingly confident recognising o'clock and know that when the big hand points up to the 12 that means it is an o'clock, they also know to look at the little hand to find out what o'clock/hour it is.

The children have been talking about what they might be doing at these times e.g. 9 o'clock we start letters and sounds; 12 o'clock we go in for lunch. They have also enjoyed working in pairs to set their own clocks to a specific time - they were all very good at this.

### **Suggested activities:**

- **Maybe you could support your child to make a time line of things they do during their daily routine.**
- **Maybe you could help your child to make their own clock at home.**

### Come and See

This week the children have been exploring our new topic of growing. We have talked about how we have grown from being babies and how we can grow as a person as well by trying and learning new things. We have also been talking about moving into spring and how new life begins, with plants and trees flourishing and new baby animals being born.

### Easter Stay and Play/Reading Meeting

I would like to invite you all to attend a reading meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1:00pm. This will be followed by our Easter stay and play. This is a lovely afternoon filled with lots of exciting Easter activities. We hope to see you all there ☺

### Mornings

I would just like to ask if you can ensure your children are lining up in the morning as soon as the bell is rang - this will ensure Reception are ready to lead in first to help avoid traffic jams on the steps. Thank you in advance ☺

### Diary Dates

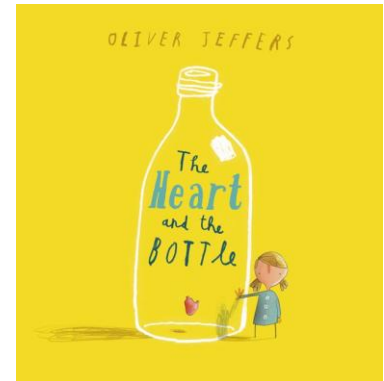
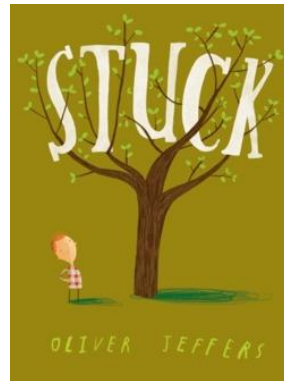
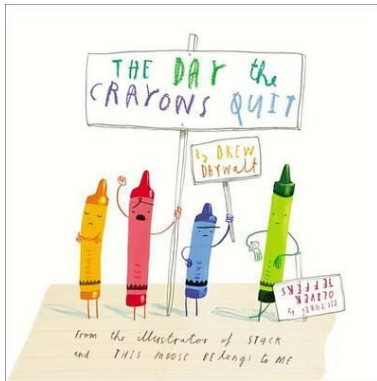
**Reception's stay and play - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 1:00pm**

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Smith, Miss Langton & Ms Connolly ☺

## We Love to Read...

This week we have been reading Oliver Jeffers



Which one was your favourite?