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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 lovely sunny week in Reception and the children have enjoyed spending time learning in the sun shine.

Parent App

This week you should all have received a leaflet about the new 'Parent App'. As of next week our newsletters will be available via this app. If you have any problems with this please let me know so we can resolve any issues as soon as possible.

Literacy

In Literacy this week the children have explored a poem by Roger McGough called 'The Sound Collector'. We have listened for the rhyming words and looked at the structure. We noticed a pattern. We then took the children on a listening walk around school, some of the children listened to the sounds inside and some children listened to the sounds outside. We then gathered together to share our ideas and created our own poem with actions.

For our Big Draw this week the children have each thought carefully about creating their own line to the poem. I was very impressed with all of the sounds they came up with.

Suggested activities:

- **Maybe you could go on your own listening walk with your child**
- **Support your child to create their own Roger McGough style poem**
The.....(sound) of the.....(object)

Letters and Sounds

We have now completed all of the Phase 3 sounds and have been revising everything the children have learnt so far.

This week we have been looking at reading and spelling two syllable words; reading captions and sentences and practising segmenting and blending words. The children have also been making sentences out of jumbled up words.

Maths

This week we have continued our number focus. We have been estimating amounts, counting out to check and recognising the numeral to represent the quantity. The children have been encouraged to estimate amounts of objects before using one to one correspondence to count and check their estimate. We have talked about what a 'good estimate' is and how we don't need to get the exact amount but it needs to be close. The children are able to recognise good and bad estimates.

Suggested Activities:

- **Make your own estimation jar.**
- **Estimate how many around the house. E.g. teddies, toys**

Sun Cream

As the weather gets nicer the children enjoy spending their provision time in our outdoor classroom. If you would like to send in sun cream for your children we also need written consent to be sent in along with the sun cream. Can you also please ensure if you are sending sun cream in to school it is clearly labelled with your child's name. The children are then able to apply this as and when it is needed.

Summer Shoes

Summer is getting closer and the weather is getting hotter. The children will no longer need their wellies but they will need a cheap pair of croc shoes. These are ideal for outdoor play and water play and can be left in school. Please ensure they are clearly labelled before you send them in.

Reception/Year 1 Trip

Thank you for all of your interest in supporting us on our upcoming trip. Unfortunately not everyone could be allocated a place and all those interested parents have received a note letting them know. Hopefully you will be able to join us on a school trip in the future. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Dates for Diary

Reception/ Y1 trip- 19th May 2016

We Love to Read!

This week in Reception we read...

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.