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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 mixed week in Reception weather wise, making the most of the sun when it appears. The children have enjoyed a French lesson with Mrs Kennedy. The children have learnt how to have a simple conversation in French. I was so impressed with how fantastic the children were.

## Parent App

Some parents are still yet to sign up for the Parent App. If you did not receive a leaflet about this please let me know. This week's newsletter will also be available via the App and as of next week there will no longer be paper copies printed. If you have any problems with this please let me know so we can resolve any issues as soon as possible.

## Literacy

In preparation for our class trip next week the children have been exploring Liverpool. At first we took time listening to each other's experiences of Liverpool, it was lovely to hear all about the children shopping trips, museum visits and Little Mix concerts. We then went on to look at how the city of Liverpool is different from Widnes. The children came up with lots of ideas, including the differences between the houses and the buildings. We then looked more closely at the different building found in Liverpool. Focusing on some of the most recognisable landmarks, we talked about how a landmark has to be big and stand out and helps us to recognise a place without being told where we are. The children have looked in detail at the Liver building, the Radio City tower, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Echo Arena. For their Big Draw today the children created their very own landmarks.

## **Suggested activities:**

- **Use the internet or a book to find out some facts about some of the landmarks in Liverpool.**

## Letters and Sounds

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.

As we have now completed Phase 3 sounds we will be working our way back through them to consolidate the children's learning and ensure they are confident with the Phase 3 sounds. As a class we will be working hard at spotting the digraphs and trigraphs within words.

### Maths

I have been so impressed with the children's knowledge of shape this week. This week the children have been recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes. They have also been talking about some of the properties of these shapes. The children are able to talk about how many sides and corners the flat shapes have (2D) and becoming familiar with talking about how many vertices, faces and edges.

### **Suggested Activities:**

- **Maybe you would like to take your child on a shape hunt- see if they can spot some 2D and 3D shapes.**

### 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 child to apply themselves during school hours then please do so. Please ensure if you are sending sun cream in to school it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

### 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. Please note, as crocs are brought in wellies will be sent home.

### Reception/Year 1 Trip

The coach will pick the children up from school and take us to the city centre where we will learn about the Door of Mercy at the Metropolitan Cathedral. We will go through the door and have our lunch at the Cathedral and then we will go onwards to the Epstein Theatre for a 1.30 performance. The show lasts for 50 minutes and so the children will finish school at the usual time.

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

### Dates for Diary

The Gruffalo's Child trip- 19th May 2016