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

Reception Newsletter

20th May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had in Reception! Yesterday was Reception and Year 1's trip to Liverpool. The children enjoyed a tour around the Metropolitan Cathedral followed by a fantastic performance of *The Gruffalo's Child* at the Epstein theatre. The children had a really lovely day and behaved so well- a true credit to Holy Family Primary. I would also like to say a massive thank you to all of our parent helpers. I hope you enjoyed your day as much as we did.

Literacy

In Literacy this week the children have been reading the Julia Donaldson story 'The Gruffalo's Child' in preparation for our trip. The children have become very familiar with the story and have used a story map to help them to retell it. The children have also talked about the setting of the story and the main characters. We then looked at thought bubbles, the children talked to one another about what the characters may be feeling or thinking at different points of the story. The children came up with sentences to put into thought bubbles to place into the story. On Thursday we went to watch the *Gruffalo's Child* be performed at the Epstein theatre. The children will be drawing about their favourite part of the story in their Big Draw this week.

Letters and Sounds

This week we have revisited the sounds: er/ear/ure/air

We have also continued to practise reading and spelling two syllable words; reading captions and sentences and practising segmenting and blending words. The children are becoming more confident with Phase 3 sounds and are getting better at spotting them within words.

Next week we will be revisiting the sounds: ur/ow/oi/or

Maths

In maths this week the children have been warming up their mathematician brains by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s! They are getting very good at it. Our main focus has been on adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers by counting on or back. The children use a variety of resources to do this including number lines, cubes/objects or their fingers. This week the children have also used numicon -finding two correct pieces to represent the number and then counting how many altogether. The children are

growing in confidence when it comes to working out mathematical problems. The children are always encouraged to explain their answers and how they got to them.

Sun Cream

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

Next week the children's wellies will be sent home. If you could please send in a cheap pair of croc shoes to replace the wellies that would be great. These shoes 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.

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

Dates for your Diary

Half Term- 27th May 2016

Own Clothes Day- 27th May 2016