RECEPTION CLASS FRIDAY NEWS LETTER

Term 1a Week 2 19.09.2014

Dear Parents/Carers.

It has been a very busy full week but the children have been brilliant. They have had to learn lots of new routines and have done so without any problems. They now know where their coats, jumpers and book bags go. They have learnt what happens at lunchtime and what is expected when they go out to play. They understand that they have access to the toilet and drinks of water all day and most of them now realise that they are in school for the whole day.

By now, you all should have received an email from 2Simple (Eskimo app) asking you to activate your email address, so that I can send to you your child's learning experiences.

If you have not received your confirmation from 2Simple could I ask you to please email me at this address [MEVANS6@HFC.klear.org](mailto:MEVANS6@HFC.klear.org).uk.

I will then send you a link from 2Simple which will show you how to change your email preferences.

Could you please use the above email address from now on if you want to contact me or send me a learning story on the Story Creator app or any photos of your child’s home learning experiences.

If you have a problem receiving emails please let me know.

Thank you to those who have already received your learning experiences and have commented on them. Your comments are automatically added to your child’s learning experiences. Please try to reply to us through the parent contact email from 2 Simple. Please do not include any photographs when replying through 2simple, as I am unable to see them

Literacy

This week in Letters and Sounds we have been listening to and identifying familiar sounds. We have also been making lots of different body sounds!!

The website below suggests lots of interesting games for you to use with your child at home, http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html

We have also been hearing about William Shakespeare and his story called The Tempest. The children are familiar with all the characters and also what happens in the story. We have also watched clips of the story from the BBC Animated tales. The children have been making storm noises and acting out the storm with our fantasy figures and pirate ship. I am sure they will be able to tell you all about this story. Today in the Big Draw, they drew their favourite character.

Maths

In Maths we have been counting out loud and recognising numbers to 10. I have been encouraging the children to show me how many fingers represent a number and also what comes before a given number and what number comes after. We have been building up a number line. For homework this weekend I would like the children to make their own number line up to 10 or 20. This could then be displayed in their bedroom. Please feel free to send any photographs once this is done.

If you take a photo or a video of anything you do at home try to use Story Creator App or Pic Collage App to send it to me at MEVANS6@HFC.klear.org.uk. Anything you do at home will be shared with the rest of the class and added to your child’s learning experiences.

Come and See

In Come and See the children have been learning that they are very special and are part of their own family, the school family and the church’s family. We have learnt a new song this week called ‘If I Were a Butterfly’ this is the link on YouTube if you would like to sing it with them http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imO2NiKo\_AQ

Labels

In my last letter, I did ask that you label all items of clothing, this also includes shoes and coats. This is to make it easier for the children to find their shoes when changing from their wellies. Some children do not have wellies in school; please can you ensure they are sent in.

We do have lots of change of clothing for the children but please can you send back any spare uniform that is sent home. It would also be helpful if you could keep a change of socks in your child’s book bag, just in case of any over enthusiastic puddle splashing!!!

Snack Money

Snack money is now due and is £10.50 for this term; please can you send this in a sealed envelope with your child’s name on it.

Dinner menus need to be returned with your child’s choice of food by Thursday. New dinner menus will be given on Friday when you change your child’s RARARA bag.

RARARA Books

RARARA Books and reading diaries will only be changed on a Monday and Friday, they do not need to be in the book bags on the other days but book bags do need to be brought into school every day.

**AS MENTIONED LAST WEEK**

**Behaviour - Our Values In Reception/Year One**

We started the year together this year discussing 6 key values that we believe will shape the year to come. They are as follows:

**Listen Wait No**

**Quiet Come Care**

These key values form the basis of our expectations for the children’s behaviour. Children using these values will be rewarded with praise, Sparkle, Floppy and James the bear and at the end of the week Shakespeare. Children do not lose golden minutes for making the wrong choices therefore we do not use Golden Time as a reward on a Friday afternoon. Apologises for any confusion caused this week.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. This will be sent home every Friday.

School Trip.

Lots of parents have requested a ticket, we have been able to accommodate everyone with a ticket but unfortunately we do only have 10 places for parents on the bus. This will mean that some parents will have to make their own way over to the Brindley in the car. If you prefer to go in your own car please could you let us know as soon as possible. Otherwise we will have to draw 10 names out of a hat.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend and don’t forget to share your weekend with us, it will all add to your child’s learning journey.

Regards

Mrs Evans, Ms Connolly and Miss Langton

Dates for Diary

Coffee Morning Tuesday September30th 9.15

Trip to the Brindley Wednesday 15th October 12.30pm