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

# Reception Newsletter

1st July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in Reception the children have enjoyed practising for our upcoming Sports Day. They have been practising hula hooping, hurdles, javelin throws, relays and bean bag throws.

## **Caterpillar update:**

Our class caterpillars have now made their cocoons and are currently in a chrysalis station. The children are eager for them to turn into beautiful butterflies.

## Letters and Sounds

Phase 3 sounds recapped this week: y, z, qu

Tricky words recapped this week: the, to

In Letters and Sounds this week the children have been practising orally segmenting and blending words with double and triple letter sounds. They have also been reading words and sentences that include both phase 2 and phase 3 words and sounds.

## Literacy

Last week the Reception showed a keen interest in pirates so in Literacy this week we have read the story of Peter Pan. The children have really enjoyed this. We have talked about what a character is and named all the different characters in the Peter Pan story. We made a really long list! The children then thought about different ways to describe the characters- we focused on Captain Hook. The children came up with some fantastic adjectives and ways to describe him:

- sharp sword
- black shiny shoes
- selfish and nasty
- big fluffy hat
- whiskery moustache

For our Big Draw this week the children created character descriptions. They all picked a character from the story and drew fantastic pictures of them. They then thought about how they could describe that character, what words they could use and how they could put it into a sentence.

**Suggested activities:**

- **Maybe your child could pick a character out of their favourite book and think of lots of different ways to describe them.**

Maths

This week the children have been focusing on the following objectives:

- Ordering numbers 0-20
- Saying one more and one less than a given number
- Counting on from a given number

In Maths this week the children have been sequencing numbers and counting on from a given number. They have also been finding one more and one less than a given number. The children have practised these both physically and mentally. They are getting really good at this and they love the fact that I can't trick them when playing the "one more/ one less game".

**"1 more/1 less game"** - The children choose if we are going to say one more or one less. I then shout out a number and the children have to say either one more or one less than that number.

**Suggested activities:**

- **Maybe you could play the "1 more/1 less game" with your child.**
- **Maybe you could make 0-20 number cards and support your child to sequence them - once sequenced, cover a number and see if they can guess what number you have covered.**

Come and See

This week we have begun our final topic, 'God's Wonderful World'. The children have been exploring this topic. We have used the CAFOD website to look at and discuss pictures of things within Gods Wonderful World. The children were encouraged to draw upon their own knowledge and experience by asking:

- What do you love about our world?
- Tell me what you think is wonderful about our world?

This topic will be continued until the end of term when the children will be inviting you to our Rejoice Assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### Snack Money

Snack money is paid on a half-termly basis. This half term snack money will be £9.00 the children, as always, are provided with a healthy snack. If snack money is still outstanding from previous terms can you please send it in with this term's money.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Smith, Ms Connolly & Miss Langton ☺

### Dates for Diary

Own Clothes Days:

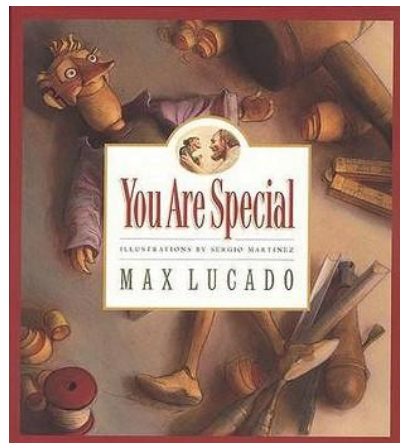
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Donations of cakes and biscuits

Sports Day - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Rejoice Assembly - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

## We Love to Read!

This week in Reception we have read...



What was your favourite part? How are you special?

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.