RECEPTION CLASS FRIDAY NEWS

Term 1a Week 4 10.10.2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has sent me a Pic Collage, photo or Story Creator. We really enjoy seeing what you are doing at home and how you are carrying on your child’s learning journey. Any photos or Pic Collages that you send are shared with all the children on the interactive whiteboard, giving your child the opportunity to talk about what they have been doing. These are then printed out and displayed on your child’s learning wall in the classroom.

We also appreciate all the lovely comments you have made through the 2Simple link.

Literacy

This week we have heard the story of the Princess and the Pea in readiness for our trip to the Brindley next week. The children have heard lots of different versions of this story and they have also learnt to retell it orally using some actions to help them remember it. We have talked about what might have happened if the Princess had not felt the pea. The children considered what the Prince and the Queen may have done and how the story may have ended differently. For our Big Draw on Friday the children have to draw their favourite character and think about what they may have said at the end of the story. I have included a copy of the story for you to retell with your child.

Mathematics

In Maths we have been talking about and learning all about shapes. The children can identify lots of 2D shapes and can tell you how many sides and corners they have. The children have been practising their listening skills and following instructions by listening how to draw Shaun the Shape Man. I was very pleased by how well they all did and how well they could draw!! For homework this weekend, I would like you to go on a shape hunt and look out for shapes around the house or if you go to the park or to the supermarket encourage your child to find them and talk about their properties. You might want to take a photo of any you find and email it to me or your child may wish to draw a shape picture. Any thing you do at home will be added to your child’s learning journey.

Letters and Sounds

In Letters and Sounds we have been listening for words that start with the same sound. We have played a game called Silly Sentences where the children have helped me to make silly sentences with words that all start with the same letter for example ‘Picky Prince Peter picked perfect Princess Pat. We have also made up sentences using sounds from their own name. ‘Ellie eats elephants.’ The children have loved this and are becoming familiar with alliteration. They have also been playing games on the Phonics Play website (www.phonicsplay.co.uk) Phase 1 ‘Super Smoothie’ which you can access at home. The children have also been playing on Education City. I have included a song to help you with this-Socks and Snakes. You could also play games like I Spy!!

Come and See

In Come and See we have been learning about special days and the Jewish feast of Hanukkah, the festival of lights. The children were asked to think about special days they celebrate with their family. They have heard the story of how the Jewish people cleaned the temple using elbow grease after the big battle between the Macabees and King Antioch’s army and how the Jewish people lit a lamp to give thanks, which burnt for 8 days with very little oil. Today we hope to make Potato Latkes a traditional Jewish food eaten at Hanukkah.

Labelling of Clothing/Shoes

Please, could I ask you to make sure that all items of clothing, including shoes and coats, are labelled and that your child can identify the markings especially on their coats and shoes. This is to make it easier for the children to find their own school coat and shoes when changing from their wellies. Some children still do not have wellies in school; please can you ensure they are sent in especially as the grass is getting very wet now.

We do have change of clothing for the children but please can you send back anything that is sent home especially underwear and socks as we are now running low. It would also be helpful if you could keep a change of socks/underwear in your child’s book bag, just in case!!!

Trip to the Brindley

We will be leaving school on Wednesday 15th October at 12.30pm. If you are planning to accompany us, please could you come to school at 12.15pm so that I can go through the risk assessment. We will be returning from the Brindley by 3.00pm. All the children must be brought back into school first before going home with any accompanying adults.

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

Dinner menus need to be returned with your child’s choice of food on a Thursday.

RARARA Books

RaRaRa Books and Reading Diaries. These will only be changed on a Monday and Friday, they do not need to be in the book bags on the other days. It is important that you Read Aloud to your child then Read Again to your child until they are familiar with the story then let them Read Alone, this does not mean actually read the text but tell the story from the pictures or repeat parts of the story they are familiar with.

Reading Meeting

I will be holding a meeting to discuss our approach to reading on Thursday 6th November at 9am. This will last for one hour.

2Simple

We will be sending out your child’s learning stories on a Sunday. Please let me know if you receive this by replying in the 2Simple emails.

Twitter

Please don’t forget to follow our school on Twitter @HFCronton

Thank you and have a lovely weekend and don’t forget to share your weekend with us by sending in photos or writing a little story about what you have been doing using Pic Collage or Story Creator. It will all add to your child’s learning journey.

Mrs Evans, Ms Connolly and Miss Langton

Dates for Diary

Trip to the Brindley Wednesday 15th October 12.30 pm

PTFA meeting Wednesday 15th October 3.30pm

Spooky Disco Tuesday 21st October 4pm (tickets £2.50 )

Reading Meeting Thursday 6th November 9.00 am