RECEPTION CLASS FRIDAY NEWS

Term 1a Week 7 24.10.2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe that we are at the end of our first half term already. I know that all the children are really looking forward to their break and so are we!!!

Literacy

This

 week we have had great fun hearing stories about Daisy the Witch in Room on the Broom (that is our name for her) and Winnie and Wilbur from Winnie the Witch. We have also loved hearing about the things witches have in their kitchen. This is a fantastic rhyming book called ‘What is in the Witches Kitchen?’ by Nick Sharratt.

The children have enjoyed making up their own rhymes and spells. During Big Draw today the children have designed a super duper broomstick for Daisy the Witch.

Room on the Broom

There is a performance of this story at The Liverpool Everyman during the holidays from 28/10/2014 - 29/10/2014 at 12:00 pm.

(http://kidstheatreshows.co.uk/kids-theatre-shows/room-on-the-broom-live-show-2014-dorking/)

I would love to see your photos if you do go, so please email them to me.

Mathematics

In Maths we have been combining two groups together using the language of addition. When adding I have been asking the children to count how many objects there are all together.

I also say ‘3 and 4 altogether make 7’ as well ‘3 add 4 equal 7’ or 3 plus 4 make 7’.

It is important to use all this language with the children. We are not recording numbers or using symbols such as the plus and equals signs as the children need to be able to visualise numbers and totals and also add numbers together in their head.

You could give your children practical addition problems such as 3 forks and four forks altogether make 7 so they can see the objects and count them or you could give them mental problems such as ‘if I go to the shops and buy 5 apples and 2 bananas , how many pieces of fruit will I have altogether?’ We do not expect any child to be recording addition sums. You can challenge your child by using higher numbers if they feel confident adding numbers up to 10.

The children love being given a number challenge and will use their finger to help them, or will do it in their heads. Please send me lots of photos and Pic Collages of your child combining sets of objects so that I can add it to your child’s learning journeys.

Letters and Sounds

In Letters and Sounds we have now learnt to sound talk and to listen for sounds in words. The children have loved this and are starting to be able to sound words out and hear what the word is that I am sounding out. This is an essential skill that children need to be able to do before they move on to Phase Two. I have included some of the songs we have been singing this week. You may like to practice sound talking with your child. It is great fun.

Come and See

In Come and See we have continued with the theme on Belonging and our topic Welcome. We have talked about being welcomed into God’s family at Baptism. If you have photographs, a candle or a white shawl from your child’s own Baptism, please could you share it with them this weekend so that they are familiar with it when we visit the Holy Family Church next term. You may like to send me some photographs so I can share them with the children.

Spooky Week

Today we had our spooky snack in the hall. As part of their Come and See topic on Mission Year 5 prepared our snack and organised a spooky disco with lots of games and surprises for us in the school hall.

Dinner Menus

Please return with your child’s choice of food by Thursday with your child’s name on.

Rara Books and Reading Diaries.

These will only be changed on a Monday and Friday and do not need to be in the book

bags on the other days.

Snack Money

Snack money for next term will be £10.50, as it is a seven week term. Please send this is in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and the amount written on it.

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!!!**

Reading Meeting Thursday November 6th 9am

After the holiday I will introduce the children to Phase 2 sounds in Letters and Sounds. I know some of you are very familiar with this but for some of you it will be a whole new thing. At the reading meeting I will be introducing you to Letters and Sounds, how to blend and segment phonemes and to some of the terminology that you will eventually become familiar with.

It would be lovely if you could make the meeting which will last for about an hour. If you are unable to come I will send home any handouts.

Lining Up Outside Year 1

When we return to school after the break, we would like the children to line up next to the Year 1 children underneath the canopy, outside the Year One classroom. We will come out at 8.55am and we will bring the children into school through Year 1 classroom. If you are late coming into school could you please come in through the main entrance as our doors will be shut at 9.00am.

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I will be sending your child’s full termly learning journey home this weekend. This is nice to keep as an Ibook. If you have Ibooks( this is a free app you can download) you can open your report as an Ibook and store it on your Ibook shelf. This looks really nice and is very accessible for your child to look at.

Finally can I thank everyone who has been sending me photographs and stories about what your child has been doing at the weekend. We have had some amazing pictures from you this term. Thank you so much.

Have a lovely holiday and brace yourself for next term as it will soon be

CHRISTMAS !!!!!!!

Mrs Evans, Miss Langton and Ms Connolly

Dates for Diary

Reading Meeting –Thursday 6th November 9am

Christmas Walk to Pex Hill to get School Christmas Tree

Friday 28th November 1pm ( more details to follow next term)