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Aim High

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to the final term of Summer in Reception! Next Term our topic is all about Pirates and Pixies. To introduce this we will be watching the film Peter Pan and having a Pirates and Pixies Party on **Monday 3rd June!** The children are invited to bring in a costume and an item of food or drink that is linked to the theme e.g. cakes, biscuits, coloured drinks (but not fizzy!) to share during the afternoon.

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

Our topic next term will be **Pirates and Pixies**. Next half term's activities will focus on:

- Famous Pirates from the past
- Pirates in the Peter Pan story
- Reading treasure maps
- Writing messages in bottles
- Fairies and pixies

LEARNING SKILLS – Communicating Skills. These are the 'I can...' statements we will be working on next term:

- I can answer simple open questions and include relevant detail
- I can take turns in conversations with one other and listen and wait to speak
- I can follow a range of simple instructions and carry simple messages
- I can listen to familiar stories and rhymes and be able to tell whether something has been left out or changed
- I can use simple phrases and statements to communicate my ideas
- I can articulate my words and speak in a voice which can be heard and understood

PE

PE will be on **Mondays and Fridays** PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (by the child) or covered with a plaster (which must be supplied from home).

HOME LEARNING

Each week your child will receive their Home learning logs with a short task to complete in it. This will be based on the theme they are learning about next term. It could include some writing, pictures and research found using the internet. This will be issued every Wednesday and is expected to be handed in every Tuesday. The children will then vote for how many house points should be awarded for each child's effort made towards the task.

READING

As we progress throughout the year more and more of the class will be sent home with reading books. Please note that we do not send reading books home until the children are able to read simple sentences confidently and with understanding. Reading books will be changed every Monday. Therefore the children will have a whole week to become really confident with the book before having it changed. Please ensure that reading books and reading records are sent into school on Monday so that they can be changed.

LOST PROPERTY

We've had a couple of items that have gone missing over the past half term. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that anything your child brings in to school must be named. Any toys from home need to be taken home by the adult bringing your child to school at the start of the school day.

We hope that you and your child are looking forward to another exciting half term in Reception.

HALF-TERM HOME LEARNING PROJECT

The project is voluntary but is a good way to get all the family involved in the children's learning. The theme we will be covering is 'Pirates and Pixies' and could involve:

- Designing and making a Pirates ship/Pixie palace!
- Writing a story about a Pirate or Pixie.
- Creating a Treasure chest full of Pirate or Pixie items.

The project needs to be completed and in school by **Monday 22nd July 2013**. Please be aware that **no** other toys or objects belonging to the children should be brought into school unless asked to by the teacher.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Miss Maitland
Class Teacher

Mrs Greenwood
Teaching Assistant

Miss Lovell
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

