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Reception Summer Term 1 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting term we have had! The Voyager performance was certainly the highlight. The children were amazing and their performance showed how much confidence they have gained throughout the year, they are certainly great little movers. The children also really enjoyed celebrating Mother's day and sharing lots of activities in school. We still need your help with 'WOW' slips particularly around the themes of family customs and routines. Please share with us all the things you celebrate at home and prompt your children to tell us about it.



The children have worked hard in language and literacy particularly with their letter formation. I'm sure you appreciated how far the children have come when you looked at their Easter cards. Children have been busy reading their books, if you can keep practising blending words it will really help with their fluency.

The children have really enjoyed looking at the works of Julia Donaldson. We began with *The Gruffalo*. We made Gruffalos out of clay and wrote about him in literacy. Next we looked at *The Stickman*, the children loved this story! They made their own stickmen and made story maps to tell their own stories. They enjoyed building a house for the stickman outside.

The launch of our whole school topic on giants excited the children. We read *The Smartest Giant in Town* and enjoyed role playing the giant's adventures. The children made lots of giants in our creative area and certainly enjoyed learning their dance. The children were able to move into spaces independently and move to the music.



In maths we looked at the language of time encouraging children to use today, yesterday and tomorrow. We also learnt the days of the week. We also studied shape and learnt about pentagons, hexagons and octagons. The children also looked at the properties of

shape and were able to use 'sides' and 'vertices' to describe them. They even impressed Mr Reynolds with their use of the word 'vertices'.

We have been looking at 1 less and 1 more of a given number. The children can confidently count forward and backwards to 20.

This term we are beginning our learning journey with 'The Sword in the Stone' and will be finding out all about knights and princesses. Following this we will be looking at animals, beginning with minibeasts and then farm and jungle animals.



We are very excited to have some eggs into school to hatch. We hope to see lots of baby chicks hatching which will be very exciting!

Here are the targets we are working towards this term:

- To read and write CVC (consonant vowel consonant) words e.g. mad, tap, dad, bin
- To count 1- 20 forwards and backwards reliably and recognise and write numbers 1-20
- To measure using capacity
- To estimate and count objects reliable to 20
- Halving and doubling to 10
- To practise retelling stories of their making
- Reading at home

If you feel your child has already achieved these you could support us by:

- Halving and doubling to 20
- Number sentences with missing numbers e.g. $? + ? = 10$ or $? + 3 = 15$ or $? + ? + ? = 12$
- Writing sentences using CVC words
- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's



Can I remind parents that the children need PE kit in school all week. We will be going outside this term, so tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts would be helpful. Finally if you are still unable to log on to tapestry (our online learning journal) can you let me know so I can help you see your child's progress.

Useful websites;

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z9fkwmn>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/animals.html>

<http://discoverykids.com/category/animals/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/collections/p00bf3fy>

<http://ngkids.co.uk/animals>

Thank you for all your support.

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