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Reception Newsletter - Spring Term 2

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all the children and families in Reception. It is great to have an insight from your Tapestry posts of the children's experience with technology. The children thoroughly enjoy sharing their photos on the large screen with their class mates. If you haven't yet uploaded your photos, video and comments from the half term homework task, please do so in the next couple of days.



Topic

This half term we are continuing with our topic "Once Upon a Time...". To support the children making links between learning at school and learning at home they are welcome to bring in any books related to the focus text for the week from home or from the local library.

Class	Focus Texts for this Half Term
Owls	The Ginger Bread Man Jack and the Beanstalk
Robins	Jack and the Beanstalk The Enormous Turnip

The title of the focus text will be displayed in the classroom window



Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses a pencil and holds it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. • Shows increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it • Shows some understanding that good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health.
Communication, Language and Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events. • Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play. • Begins to read words and simple sentences. • Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books. • Digraphs ar,or,ur,ow,oi,ear,air,ure,er (for how these are pronounced please refer to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s) • Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together. • Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence.
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order and write numbers 1 to 20 • In practical activities and discussion, beginning to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting. • Records, using marks that they can interpret and explain. <p>Begins to identify own mathematical problems based on own interests and fascinations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to use everyday language related to money • Beginning to use mathematical names for 'solid' 3D shapes and 'flat' 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe shapes

Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home

Please continue with reading daily to your child as well as listening to them read. Research shows that this a great time to bond and to develop your child's extended vocabulary.

Maths Challenge Activities

The Maths challenge activities are intended to be a fun and practical way for you and your child to engage in mathematical language and thinking. The cards will be placed outside your child's classroom for you to access as frequently as you wish. We would recommend your child completes one maths challenge activity a week. Please post photos and comments on Tapestry of your children completing these activities as they will become an important part of their Learning Journal. If you would like any advice on which cards to choose for your child then please do ask.

Parent Helpers

We welcome parents to help within the classroom whether it is listening to readers on a regular basis, taking small groups for an art activity, or for busy parents – individual sessions for an hour or so on a day that is convenient to the parent, teachers and children. Parent helpers who regularly come into school have to be cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service. This is an easy but necessary process. Please contact the office who can assist with your application.

This term we are looking for parents who are interested in **hearing readers** and cooking with the children.

World Book Day Celebrations – Thursday 5 March

This year, World Book Day will take place on **Thursday 5 March** and we have some exciting activities planned for the day here at Wimbledon Chase. In Reception and Nursery the children are invited to either come dressed as their favourite book character or create a World Book Day t-shirt (from a plain or up cycled t-shirt) showing the front cover of their favourite book.

Take One Picture - Friday 13 March at 3.30pm – 4.00pm.

Take One Picture is a project set up by the National Gallery to inspire cross-curricular learning, as well as a lifelong love of art. This year's painting is The Battle of San Romano by Paolo Uccello and all the children at Wimbledon Chase will be studying the painting during the week commencing 2 March 2020. You are welcome to come and view the children's artwork that will have been inspired by their knowledge and interest in this painting on Friday 13 March at 3.30pm – 4.00pm. Please drop into your child's classroom, via the playground, at any time between 3.30pm and 4.00pm.

Fairy Tale Walk in the Wildlife Area – Monday 23 March

To enhance our topic of 'Once upon a time...' we will be creating a fairy tale walk in the school's wildlife area. The learning experience has been designed to enrich the children's learning of story language and characters

The Reception team are keen to support all parents so if you would like to discuss any issues, big or small, please see your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

The Reception Team