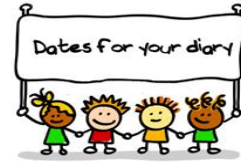


Reception Newsletter 22.03.18

We've had a very busy but very exciting week. At the beginning of the week we had a visit from the Mad Scientists who carried out a variety of experiments related to forces in an assembly and then we looked at chemical reactions in class workshops. As well as that Professor Smartie Pants set us in class challenges to make our own volcanic eruptions, explore melting making ice paintings using powder paint and melting ice cubes and help some of his friends who were stuck in blocks of ice. We were also lucky enough to go the Little Angel Theatre to watch the Singing Mermaid. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to come along with us, the children had an amazing time and thank you to the Little Angel theatre for having us!



End of term:
Thursday 29th March 2pm
Summer term starts:
Tuesday 17th April
The Horniman Museum: Tuesday
1st May
Celebration Day:
Friday 25th May
Godstone Farm:
Thursday 28th June



We are learning in phonics for the next week and the first week back at school:

Moonbeam: pt, xt, sk, nch and nt, nk, ft, sk.

Sunshine: ar, or then ow, oi.

Rainbow: Revision of all phase 3 sounds and then st, nd, mp.

Learning to write the words:

they her all are

Maths

This week we have been looking at patterns and repeating patterns. Next week we are solving adding and taking away number problems. Here are some ideas of things that you can do at home:

Set up 6 toy cars. Drive 2 cars away. How many cars are there now?



Collect 5 leaves from outside. Find 4 more. How many do you have in total?



Set out 3 plates for The Three Bears. Then add 3 more for the Three Little Pigs. How many do you have altogether?



Choose 4 of your favourite toys to read a story to. Each toy brings a friend, so that is 4 more toys. How many toys do you have in total?



Build a tower with 7 bricks. If you take 3 bricks away, how many bricks would be left in the tower?



There are 10 superheroes and 6 fly off to rescue people. How many are left? You could draw the superheroes to help you.



Next week we will be learning about the Christian celebration Easter. We will read the Easter story, talk about new life and find out about the life cycle of a chicken, we will explore melting more by making some chocolate nests and use this week's knowledge of repeating patterns to decorate some eggs.



Key vocabulary:

- Easter, Christians, Jesus, cross,
- Eggs, hot cross buns
- New life, chicken, egg, chick
- Chocolate, melting, solid, liquid, physical change.

Reading suggestions:

- The Easter Story
- Egg to Hen- the lifecycle of a chicken
- Other lifecycle books
- Easter egg boxes
- Farm books
- Recipes

Ideas to do at home:

- Hide an Easter Egg/ some treasure and encourage your child to make a map to share with their friends to show where they found it. Encourage your child to draw pictures with labels on the map and then can they write a set of instructions on how to find it.
- Can you make chocolate egg nests at home? Can your child write a shopping list? Go to the shop to buy the ingredients and pay using money? Talk about the changes of the melting and setting process and then enjoy eating them!

If your child completes any of the activities, please encourage them to hand it in to their teacher to share with the rest of the class.

Possible visits for you and your child:

- The library
- Your local church
- Horniman Easter Fair
- Surrey Quays/ Vauxhall City Farm