

Reception Class Newsletter - 12th March 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

We have had a very busy few weeks in school and Book Week was a particular highlight. We enjoyed spending time with our buddies and produced some super collage work with them based around the wordless book "Flood". It was lovely to see the children work so well together, sharing ideas and discussing the story. They also enjoyed sharing a story with their buddy in our new library. Thank you for supporting our World Book Day celebrations – we are going to make a book of adjectives using the photographs that we took on the day.

What have we been learning in school?

Our focus is turning to our topic of space and we are using Whatever Next! as our featured text. We have written a list of things that we would take on an adventure to the moon and are going to do more work around the text over the next couple of weeks.

In phonics, we have continued to practise sounds that we have already learnt and have introduced some new sounds too. The sounds that we have been working on include:

sh (shop) ch (chip) ng (sing) th (moth) er (kerb) ar (card) or (cord) ur (turn) ee (sheep) ai (pain)
oa (boat) oi (boil) oy (boy) ow (power)

In PE, the children have been developing their bat and ball skills and completed "astronaut agility" circuits which include walking along the balancing bench and practising balancing on one leg.

In maths we have revisited patterns and 2d shapes and are now moving on to naming and investigating the properties of 3d shapes.

Bring an Adult to School Session – Friday 20th March

We hope you will be able to join us after our collective worship for a fun session with the children. This year, it will be a designing and making session and I would really appreciate it if, over the next week, you could collect lots of modelling materials for us to share. As you know, we cannot accept any containers that may have contained traces of nuts, sesame or contents that may be harmful to children. You are welcome to bring the materials into school before the day if you would like. We envisage the session finishing at approximately 10:45am.

Optional Challenge – Maths

Be a 3d shape detective! Can your child find a cone, sphere, cuboid, cylinder, pyramid and cube at home or when they are out and about? The children may want to draw or take photographs of the objects that they find. If they want to bring their work in to school, we will put it up on the Wow Wall. Alternatively email it to admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk marked for my attention or upload it to Tapestry.

Dates for your Diary

20th March – Class Collective Worship and Bring an Adult to School

3rd April - Church service (We will be singing with our friends in Year 1 and 2)

22nd April - Meet a Meerkat afternoon – (more details to follow!)

Book Bags

Please could we ask the children to use book bags rather than rucksacks for storing their reading books etc. We simply do not have the room in our cloakroom area to hang up rucksacks and we cannot fit rucksacks in our bookbag boxes. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

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