

## Reception weekly newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015



Welcome back, I hope everyone had a fantastic Easter. The children were full of excitement as they shared with us some of the wonderful things they have done over the holiday! If we added up all the Easter eggs each child claimed to have had, it would be a very big number indeed!



Apologies for the delay in the last newsletter, it should have been sent out before Easter but unfortunately wasn't. Thank you to everyone who has sent in clothes that we can keep in school for gardening/digging. We are hoping (weather permitting) to begin this next week. It will be very much an ongoing activity for the next few months. We are planning to restock our tyres with flowers and dig over our vegetable patch and plant potatoes and peas along with strawberries and raspberries. We will plant a mixture of seeds and more mature plants. If you are able to donate plants or seeds we would be very, very grateful.



As usual the next few weeks promise to be very busy. We'll continue to let you know what has been happening, and what is coming up, through our weekly newsletter and through our class page on the Excalibur VLE. I do try and ensure our Reception page is updated regularly so please don't forget to visit it. You can also access the fantastic Purple Mash through the VLE.

Thank you to Rose's Mum who was our mystery reader this week. The children always really enjoy the experience and are looking forward to next week! I do have a few spaces left for this term, so don't be shy and if you can come in please let us know so we can add you to our list. If you have had a turn you are most welcome to come again. We also had a visit from Anya's Mum who very kindly came to talk to the children about Easter celebrations and traditions in Greece. She made special bread for us to try which everyone thought was delicious!

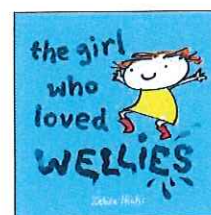


In Read Write Inc. we have now split into three groups. The children are ALL doing so well with their learning. We are really pleased with their progress. Some children are now reading green Read Write Inc. books which means that they follow a three day program with a particular book then on day three they bring a black and white copy of the book home for you to KEEP. Your child should be able to read this book confidently and fluently. They do not need to be kept in your child's reading bag so

please could you take them out once they are sent home otherwise the bags start to get a little heavy!

Many thanks for all the fantastic 'Wow' moments you keep sending in. I have attached some new ones in case you've used them all or misplaced the others. Please do continue to send them in as they are lovely to read and the children are very proud as they share them with the class. If they want to write their own that is even better! We are particularly keen to hear any that relate to numbers or calculating e.g. working out how many of each or how many more of something were needed for a particular purpose.

This week we have enjoyed the story of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' and talked about different footwear. This has led on to a story called 'The Girl Who Loved Wellies'. We will be basing our learning around wellies and we will hopefully get out and about as much as possible letting our wellies lead us on a variety of experiences.



As well as plants and flowers we will be looking at all living things from mini-beasts to larger and more exotic animals. As part of our learning our wellies will take us to visit Stockley Farm on 6<sup>th</sup> May. A separate letter is being sent out about this next week so please look out for it.

Over the coming weeks we will be writing for many different purposes writing lists, labels, captions, recounts and stories. Some children who are writing confidently are also learning to leave a finger space between words and to use a capital letter to start a sentence and for names and to end their sentence with a full stop and to join their ideas together using and.

We will continue to read, write and order numbers to 20 and beyond as well as continuing to share, add and take away. We will solve problems and talk about how we worked out the answer. We will reinforce 1 more and less and continue to develop our knowledge and understanding in relation to length, weight, capacity and money.

If the nice weather continues please don't forget to send in hats and sun cream each day. Please ensure these are labeled with your child's name.

Congratulations to our two stars of the week Jake and Calum and to Ava and Kaloyan who sat on our special VIP table to eat their lunch today.

Thank you again for your continued support,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould and Miss Harding



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