

Reception News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

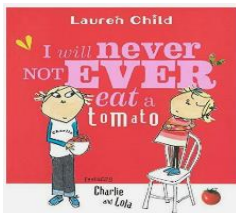
It has been another productive week in Reception and all of the children have been working really hard! Our highlight this week, was welcoming Year 1, Year 2 and all of you to our assembly on Wednesday morning. I'm sure you'll all agree that the children did a brilliant job of speaking in front of an audience and remembering their lines. We are very proud of them! Thank you to everyone who came.



It was a busy day on Wednesday as we also had a Life Education session from Coram Life Education (our whole-school PSHE programme providers). In the session, the children discussed healthy lives and bodies. Everyone was very excited to meet Harold the giraffe and his friends.

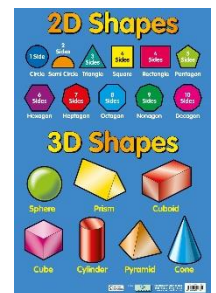
In P.E, we were working on our quick reactions when catching a ball. Keep practising throwing and catching the ball quickly. Well done Reception!

In Computing this week, we have continued working on our coding skills. The children are becoming much more confident with this and they are getting better at knowing their left and right!



In Literacy, we have finished our work based on "I will never not ever eat a tomato" by Lauren Child. The children have been using their imaginations and creating new names for fruit and vegetables just like Charlie and Lola did. We have used this to publish our own fruit covers and blurbs just like Lauren Child. They all look amazing. The children's writing is really improving, so please keep working on this at home.

In Maths, we have been learning all about 3D shapes. At the beginning of the week, we recalled our knowledge of 2D shapes and have been looking for 2D shapes within 3D shapes. We have also been sorting shapes based on their faces, edges and vertices. At home, you could try to spot 3D shapes in the environment. At school, we managed to find a dice (cube), toilet roll holder (cylinder) and a ball (sphere). If you find any at home, please upload them to Tapestry.



Phonics:



This week, we have been recapping our phase 3 trigraphs - air, ure, ear and igh. We have been encouraging the children to find these sounds in words and read them as the trigraph. When the children are reading phonics books, encourage them to find the sounds that they know rather than sounding out each letter.

In topic, we have continued our learning about Minibeasts. The children were very excited when we got our very own caterpillars. We have learned about their life cycle and can't wait to see them turn into butterflies in the next few weeks. We have also learned about ladybirds, worms and bees this week.



Home Learning:

Last week, we sent home a worksheet for the children to complete ahead of Science Week. Please return it to school by Monday 25th March.

This task is a whole school engineering competition and it would be brilliant if all the children had a go at completing this. Everyone who does will be recognised and rewarded with a Respect Token and sticker.

The children have been asked the following question - If you were an engineer, what would you do?

Please encourage the children to draw the design independently and feel free to help them label/annotate.

Science Week Homework

Task - Firstly, think of a problem in your life or the world that you would like to solve. Then, think about what you could design to help fix the problem. In the space below, draw your design. Don't forget to annotate/label your drawing.

Name: _____ Class: _____

If you were an Engineer, what would you do?

Next week:

- We will not be doing Maths or Literacy, instead we will be taking part in Science Week. Our theme for the week is 'time', so we will be learning about changes over time with seasons and plants. We will also be completing lots of fun Science investigations.
- Instead of phonics, we will be learning about Mae Jemison and completing some comprehension questions on the book.
- In the afternoons, we will be learning about Easter.

Reminders:

- At drop off or pick up, please do not allow your children to use the Reception equipment. Things are getting broken and it is very difficult to keep this area nice and tidy.
- Please only send children with a maximum of £1 to school for Book Club. The idea of this club is that the children save weekly to buy a book. Thank you!

Dates for your diary:

- We break up for Easter on Thursday 28th March.
- We return to school on Tuesday 16th April.



Requests - We would like to develop our Reception garden by planting seeds and bulbs with the children. If anyone has any seeds, bulbs, compost/soil and pot/planters at home that they would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you!

Have a great weekend!

Miss Watkins, Mrs Davis and all of the Reception Team

