**Reception Newsletter Friday 17th January 2020**

**Spring Term Week 2**

Dear Parents,

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| **Stars of the week!**  **Ryan Lobb:** For wonderful guided writing this week and showing lots of confidence with his sounding out😊!  **Sorrelle Turnbull:** For having a fabulous ‘can do’ attitude to her learning and realizing that she can sound out her words and read them without help all the time😊! |

This week: We have been thinking about all those describing words for our pirates and linking out Literacy and computing work together. The children have had to take photos of one another and then disguise themselves as pirates and they have also created pictures of their pirate Mums and Dads😊 and added labels to these! In Maths, we have been looking at the language of addition and subtraction and have started to focus of adding and subtracting 2more and 2 less. I have been really pleased that a lot of the children have started using the language of addition and subtraction during their independent activities. In PE, we have been thinking carefully about the ways in which we travel and move around one another and we have been developing our skills of travelling on, off, under and over the apparatus and showing good awareness of safety. We have started our focused Science lessons this week and have been looking at how to keep teddy dry in this cold, damp winter weather. The children carried out an investigation with Miss Cooper and worked out which material was the most waterproof😊! In phonics, we have been consolidating all of our set one sounds, working on word building and we have learnt new red word ‘she’.

Next week: We are going to be learning about real life pirates of the past and their pirate ships. We will be focusing on 2D and 3D shapes and in phonics we will start to introduce our set two sounds. On Friday we will be looking at Chinese New Year. The children will be asked to come to school in something red and we will be splitting the children into three groups and they will be rotating around Chinese activities taught by myself, Miss Rea and Mr Cooley.

Hygiene: We have spoken about this previously and know you have supported us greatly with this matter. As you are aware there are a lot of bugs around at the moment and a lot of the children are complaining about tummy aches and are feeling hot and cold and generally unwell. I was struck down with this bug last weekend and had very similar symptoms. I have spoken to the children about how important it is to wash their hands regularly especially after going to the toilet and about not messing with their private parts during class time, if you could continue reinforcing this to your children, we would be very grateful😊.

Homework: Last week I sent home a homework project for the children to complete over the coming week. I know this has caused a lot of discussion amongst parents and if you need any more information about this project please come and see me. Some children have already begun this process and have enjoyed telling me about it and I have also seen some lovely photos on Tapestry of some amazing Pirate ships beginning to take shape😊!

Dates for the upcoming term:

* Friday 24th January: Chinese New Year: Children to wear something red.
* Thursday 13th February: Valentines Disco.
* Friday 14th February: Break up for half term.
* Monday 24th February: Back to school.
* Friday 6th March: World book day: children to dress up as their favourite book character.
* Monday 23rd March: YR parents evening.
* Wednesday 25th March: YR parents evening.
* Friday 27th March: YR’s first class assembly😊!
* Friday 3rd April: Break up for Easter.

With thanks,

Mrs Hesketh