

Reception Class News

As the summer term comes to the end, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support. It has been an exciting and eventful year, we hope you enjoy the photographs of some of the wonderful experiences the children have had in Reception. We are extremely proud of how the children have embraced their learning over the year.



The children have enjoyed acting out traditional tales, this has helped develop their story writing skills in Literacy lessons. Messy play helps to develop children's connections in the brain and heightens their sensory awareness. This was a very popular activity. Mrs Vaughan talked to the children about bee keeping and showed the key equipment that she uses. The children were fascinated about how bees made honey. They tasted fresh honey which was delicious.



To support the transition process into Class One, Mrs Riding has been teaching the children music every week. The children have been learning about different musical instruments. In P.E the children have been creating dance sequences.



This year we have had a strong emphasis on developing children's Characteristics of Effective Learning because they help lay the foundations of creating a wholesome life- long learner which is essential for all children.



Keep those minds and bodies active!

Here are some useful activities to keep children busy over the holidays:

Practise writing for different purposes by asking children to write messages, lists and notes. The Keyword charts have already been emailed to you.

Use the Keywords to write funny sentences or poems. It will help your child if you encourage them to write about their interests such as spies or knights and princesses.

Write sounds on small pieces of paper such as sh, ch, th, a, s, t, n, i and ask children to make different words. When they become confident, give them 2 minutes to complete a word challenge!

Give your child 20 drinking straws or pebbles and ask them to make 3 different things with the same amount of objects. This will help your child problem solve. You can increase the challenge by timing them or adding more objects.

Ask your child to label 5 water bottles with different numbers and place them on the wall or ground. Use a tennis ball to knock down each bottle and record the scores. You can either ask your child to order the numbers from lowest to highest or add the numbers together.

Here are some websites the children can access free games:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/barnabybear>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/boogie-beebies>

<http://uk.ixl.com>

Here are some websites that contain free ideas for family fun and general support for families:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/games4life.aspx>

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/parents>

<http://www.dad.info>

<http://www.netmums.com/coffeehouse>

<http://www.familyandparenting.org>

Sadly, it is time to say farewell to our children and families in Reception. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. We hope you have a fantastic summer break.

