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St Mary's C of E Primary School

Butterfly Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th June 2023

Dear Families,

So here we are in the last half term of Reception! We can't believe how quickly time has flown and are so proud of everything our Butterflies have achieved so far this year.

Last week in Literacy, we read stories about the seaside. We started by reading a poem called "Toddle Waddle". The children enjoyed thinking of actions for the different sounds in the poem and performed it with lots of enthusiasm. We used the book "Clean Up" to introduce the importance of keeping beaches clean and litter free. The children enjoyed making posters encouraging others to help our environment. Whilst reading "Winnie the Witch at the Seaside", the children used their imagination to change the ending of the story. "The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch" was great for starting discussions about what we would have in a picnic lunch, and how we can use our phonics to write those words.

This week, we have moved under the sea! The children really enjoyed the collection of poems found in "Commotion in the Ocean". We introduced the concept of "hot seating" characters, thinking about how they might be feeling. When reading "Tiddler", we looked out for "tricky words" and tried to write some. We used our reading skills to match sentences to pictures and thought about what lessons we can learn from the "Rainbow Fish".

In Maths, we have been learning about sharing, finding half and doubling. The children have been using concrete objects to double numbers and then they have been sharing these between two people. We have focused on sharing with a remainder of 1 and how some numbers can't be shared equally between 2 and how some numbers can be shared equally between 2, without anything being left over. During learning about halving, the children have been cutting food in half, creating half of a picture and splitting food in half between toy animals. We have had a lot of fun investigating how half and half make a whole.

Notices for the week:

- Unfortunately, we are not allowed to apply sun cream to your children. Some suntan lotions last for 24 hours. Applying these before school would be amazing. If you can't find any of these, children find the roll on lotions easier to apply. We will of course help them in an appropriate way.
- Please ensure your child has a sun hat and water bottle each day.
- If you have any balls or construction toys (lego, sticklebrick etc) that you are getting rid of, please let us know.
- Please continue to use the 'useful' words list at home. These words will be helpful for your child to know in Year 1.
- We have started to see lots of toys/teddies from home coming into the classroom again. Often these can get lost or damaged so please can we ask that these things stay at home.
- If you have any recycling you could bring in, our children love junk modelling (as you've probably noticed!)
- If you are able to help on a stall at the Summer Fair (8th July), please speak to the Class Rep or a member of staff. We are in need of more volunteers. The Fair is an amazing way to raise money for the school, which will be used directly on your children.

Optional home learning:

In class, we are working on independent sentence writing using the sentences: I can see a ... or It is a ... (use of a short blended word such as: car, sheep, cat, frog etc) can be used at the end of these sentences. It would be great if you could continue to work on this at home. This doesn't have to be written with a pen/pencil. You could write in sand, use fingers to paint the words, form the words with a paint brush in water etc.

Best wishes,
Mrs Davies, Mrs Sage and Mrs King

