



WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Reception Cubs 19 May 2014

Important Dates and Messages

- **Transition to Year One** On **Thursday 22 May** at 2.30pm in the Primary theatre there will be a meeting for parents to learn more about moving to Year 1. Mr Clayden, Head of Year 1 will be there to answer your questions.
- Please bring a **named hat** to protect children from the sun
- Please remember to send a filled **water bottle** each day as the weather is getting warmer and it's important that the children stay hydrated
- **Indoor shoes** – Over the next term we would like to phase in all children having separate indoor shoes for school. We kindly ask that all parents provide their children with a change of shoes for indoor play, these can be kept in their cubbies and put on once at school. Children will then change into their outdoor shoes for outdoor play. Providing your children with a pair of comfortable slip-on (with back) indoor shoes helps to keep our Cubs area cleaner whilst ensuring your child's comfort and safety.



Learning Theme of the week

Last week's big question was **"What can we find out as we travel into space?"**

The children have really enjoyed finding out about space travel and the planets. They have focussed on finding facts. They've become little experts on the subject!

This week's big question is **"Is there life in space?"**



We will now move onto using our imagination to create space stories. The children will be encouraged to reflect on the facts they discovered about real planets to inform their imagination. Saturn has rings so will my planet have rings? Mars is known as the red planet so what colour will my planet be? They will hopefully also remember that a planet needs to have air, water and light to sustain life so what type of life (alien) will be on their planet? We will encourage the children to describe, draw and model their aliens. By the end of the week the children will begin to think of an adventure that their alien might have and add this to a story board ready to write their own



alien adventure . I bet you can't wait to read them ! We will continue our "do it yourself" role play but also add a space control station where the children can communicate with the astronauts and work on their flight plan!

In numeracy we will revisit subtraction. We will practise counting back wards to help our rockets blast off . We will also encourage the children to use a number line ; finding the first number then jumping back along the line.This is quite tricky so some children may need to continue using counters and objects to physically take away.

Some of the main learning intentions taught and explored this week will be:

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.
- Children begin to develop their own narratives by connecting ideas.

Mathematics

- Children will continue practising their counting; reading and writing numbers.
- Children use quantities and objects to subtract and count back to find the answer.

Expressive arts and design

- Children explore a variety of materials, experimenting with colour design, texture ,function and form
- Children make music and dance and experiment with ways of changing them.

Understanding the World

- Children know about similarities and differences in relation to place ,objects, materials and living things
- Children know about a range of properties and communicate observations
- Children make observations of plants and explain why some things occur and talk about change

Physical development

- Children show good control and coordination in large and small movements
- Children move confidently in a range of ways
- Children handle equipment effectively

Personal Social and Emotional Behaviour

Children talk about their own and other's behavior and its consequences, and know that some behavior is unacceptable.

Children are confident to try new activities and say why they like some activities more than others

Phonics

Puffer Fish- cvcc words to read and write

Sharks- phonics fun reviewing all taught sounds

Octopus- phonics fun reviewing all taught sounds

Jelly Fish- phonics fun reviewing all taught sounds

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Mandarin

This week the children will be watching a video which is called '长江七号(Alien NO. 7)' then we will make our own alien that link with weekly topic. After that children will be talking about what's in our house.

Vocabulary : alien 外星人 (waixingren) space ship 飞碟 (fei die) dining hall 客厅 (keting)
toilet 厕所 (ce suo) bed room 卧室 (woshi) kitchen 厨房 (chufang)
swimming pool 游泳池 (you yong chi)

As always thank you for all the boxes you have sent in! We need a never ending supply!

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

The Reception Team.