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## WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Reception Cubs 17 February 2014

**Please send in on Monday or ASAP an old plain white pillow slip or large white t shirt which the children will use as part of their knight's outfit.**

### Dates for your diary

- Teacher/parent conferences -19 & 20 Feb
- Knight school -21 Feb (more information below)

### Learning Theme of the week

Having received a video clip from a knight in shining armour the children have thought this week about how to rescue a princess from a castle. They have learnt about different parts of a castle and what these parts are called. The children have really enjoyed designing and making their own castles using a variety of different techniques for joining and fixing. Make sure you have a look at their castles displayed by the classrooms and the children will tell you what all the different parts are!



This week the majority of our learning will be linked to our big question “**What do I need to be a knight?**” The children will discover that a knight needs to have skills and qualities to make him/her into a good knight. They will hear stories such as “The Paper Bag Princess” and watch a clip from “Brave” showing that these qualities belong to both girls and boys! We plan to build a giant role play castle and have a knight training school where the children will be able to practise these skills. **On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb we will have a non uniform day (can the children please wear all black, grey or brown?)** During the week they will make a knight's outfit and they will be able to wear this and try out a variety of activities such as scroll writing, medieval dancing, maze challenges and target practise as part of our knight school.

Some of the main learning intentions taught and explored 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 speak using past and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.

### Mathematics

- Children will continue practising their counting; reading and writing numbers.

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- Children will use everyday language to talk about length and distance
- Children will order 2 or 3 items by length/distance using appropriate language such as longer, shorter, furthest and shortest.

### Expressive arts and design

- Children explore a variety of media, experimenting with colour design, texture, function and form

### Physical development

- Children show good control and coordination in large and small movements

### Phonics

Puffer fish-will learn to read and write ccvc words such as shop.chin as well as words using phase 3 graphemes

Sharks-will review sh ch th and ng

Octopus-will learn ai, ee

Jelly Fish-will learn j v x

All groups will continue to review and learn tricky words.

### Mandarin

This week the children will be talking about wild animals, we will introduce their habitat and the food they eat. We will learn a song called 'Dong Wu Chang Ge' (动物唱歌)

**Vocabulary:** panda 熊猫 (xiong mao) leopard 豹子 (bao zi) bear 熊 (xiong)

Raccon 浣熊 (huanxiong) elephant 大象 (da xiang)

giraffe 长颈鹿 (chang jinglu) monkey 猴子 (houzi)

tiger 老虎 (laohu) zebra 斑马 (banma)

### Dutch

Het boek dat centraal staat bij de leesmarathon heet: 'mama kwijt'. Aan de hand van dit boek zijn de /ui/, /ij/ en /ei/- klanken geoefend op klankzuivere uitspraak. De /ui/ blijkt een lastige klank te zijn voor 4-5 jarige omdat deze klank uit twee klanken bestaat: /u-j/. Ook hebben de kinderen vragen gemaakt bij het verhaal, nieuwe woorden geleerd, gerijmd, woorden geklapt en gezongen. Ik hoop dat de kinderen het verhaal goed konden vertellen aan mama, papa, grootouders, broers en zussen, zodat er lekker veel geld verdiend is!

Vrijdag hadden we een filmfeestje met Mees Kees of De kleine prinses!

### Can you help?

Please continue to bring in boxes and cylinders we need LOTS! Remember non uniform day on Friday-Children wear all black, brown or grey. Send in an old white pillow slip or large white t shirt which we'll use as part of our knight's outfit.

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

Many thanks again.

**The Reception Team.**