

# Reception Spring Term

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the half-term break and are all looking forward to another half term. It will be short but busy!

## 'Heroes'

Our topic for this half-term is 'Heroes' which will give us the opportunity to use our imaginations in the world of Superheroes and to explore real heroes that help us. We will be finding out about doctors, nurses, dentists, police, firemen etc. If anybody works in any of these professions, or similar, we would be delighted to hear from you.

## Homework

Please continue to spend time learning the high frequency words in purses. Spend a few minutes 3 or 4 times a week practising these words and recapping over some of the old words. If your child is confident reading all of their words they could try learning to write some of these words from memory (focus on the red words, these are tricky words that can't be sounded out). It is still very important to spend time flicking through the Sound Books as the children still find the 2 and 3 letter sounds difficult to remember. Knowing these sounds is a fantastic help when the children are reading and writing. Thank you for all your comments in the Home Learning Journals. These are very useful so please continue.

## Reading book ideas

When your child has read their reading book and it is not change day,, here are a few ideas of what you might like to do:

- Re-tell the story
- Hunt the word game (You say a word that was in the book and then they find that word. How quickly can they do it?)
- Make up another story using the characters that were in the book. What might they do? Say? Feel? (Talking is really important)
- Choose a word from the book and think of a word that rhymes with it, real or not real. E.g. park-dark etc, rake-nake etc.
- How many words can you find in the book that begin with ...e.g. c or end with e.g. ng.

Remember you only need to spend a few minutes each day and make it fun!

## Characteristics of Effective Learners

Attached is a copy of the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning' which we referred to in your child's recent report. These characteristics are essential skills in ensuring your child has the capacity to learn effectively. When playing and working with your child, please bear these characteristics in mind.

Please don't hesitate to pop in or make an appointment to see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many Thanks,

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