

Reception Newsletter  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Next week in Reception**

To continue our "Space" theme next week we will be focusing on the "Toy Story". We are going to transform our home corner into a toy shop and learn all about money. The children will be thinking about the toys that they have at home and will even be designing their very own toys. We will be using playdough to make models of these designs. During the week the children will be seeing different clips from the film and we will do lots of speaking and listening activities based around these clips.

**Notices**

Thank you to those parents who sent in boxes, toilet rolls etc for us to use in our provision.

As we begin to think about the summer term we will be thinking of getting our outdoor area looking beautiful. We are going to be installing a new mud kitchen, wood chipped, digging area and a new water area. If you have any items at home that can enhance this then they would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

**This Week in Reception**

We have had so much fun in Reception this week. The children have loved learning all about Chinese New Year, finding out about how Chinese people celebrate this fantastic time of year. We have been busy all week preparing for a New Year party and have been decorating plates, making dragons and even doing some really hard Chinese writing. We learned so many great facts along the way as well. On Friday our week was topped off with cooking some traditional Chinese food; and eating it of course. We celebrated with party games, and lots of dancing. We had a great time.

In our literacy lessons this week we have also been doing lots of creative writing. The children thought about what they would do if an alien visited our school. Isaac said that he "Would like to play football with him and give him sweets" while Isabella said she "Would give him a big hug".

Thank you to all the children this week for all of their hard work and great behaviour. It has been a lovely week in school, well done!

**Keeping Safe on the Internet**

During our PSHE lessons this week we have been highlighting the importance of staying safe whilst online. Although your children are still small and may not possibly access the internet by themselves it is still important for them to know the dangers when playing online. The NSPCC website offers some great help and advice for parents (and teachers) on how to keep your child safe whilst online. Please speak to your child over the weekend about this and help us to keep your little ones safe, happy and healthy. Thank you!

**A Prayer for Mrs Williamson**

On Sunday morning Mrs Williamson's mum passed away peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her family. Mrs Williamson has understandably taken some time off work and the children have been busy writing lovely letters and prayers for her. They showed great empathy and I know these lovely gestures will offer her some comfort at this sad time.

*Dear God, Look after Mrs Williamson and her Mummy in heaven. Give her and her family lots of love and courage at this sad time. Please be there for her when she is feeling sad and remind her that we love her. In your name, Amen. (By Reception).*

**Homework**

You will find your child's homework in their book bag. If you do anything to celebrate Chinese New Year this weekend then please email any pictures to [admin@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk)