## <u>Reception Newsletter</u> <u>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018</u>

### This week in Reception

We have been continuing to work on our writing this week focusing on simple sentences writing using finger spaces and full stops. The children have been trying to independently write the high frequency words the, and, went, to, into, me and we. The children's writing has improved greatly over the past few weeks and I am seeing a lot more children using the writing area whilst in continuous provision.

In our maths lesson we have been working on 2d and 3d shapes. The children have been looking for shapes around the school and have been making simple 3d shapes using sticks and playdough. We have also carried out assessments on your children to see what number knowledge they have. You will find in your child's book bag this week some resources to help your child at home to recognise the numbers 0-20. To reach their early learning goals in maths, by the end of the year the year the children should have good number sense with numbers to 20. This involves knowing what number is one less and one more to 20, being able to complete simple addition and subtraction sums and understanding doubling and halving. This will be a focus for us after half term but the more work that can be done at home would be very beneficial to your child.

This week we have also been using all the junk material that the children have been bringing in from home to create our own police cars, fire engines and ambulances. The children showed great resilience whilst doing their designs, not giving up when things didn't quite go to plan.

#### Next week in class

It's the last week before half term so we are going to be finishing our final part of the story Lost and Found. The children will be sending home their completed books for you to look at on Friday. We are also going to be continuing with some assessments of your child's reading and writing. During the afternoons the children will be thinking about our theme for next term with the children planning what learning they would like to take place. They will also be helping to set up the classroom ready for lots of exciting new learning next term.

#### <u>Homework</u>

As part of a new display I would like pictures of everybody's front door. We are going to be looking at numbers that are familiar to us and these pictures will be used in our maths area. Please could you send these via tapestry. Also please practise the sounds/numbers in your child's book bag. Many thanks



# Important dates

9<sup>th</sup> February - Half term finish at 3.15pm

19<sup>th</sup> February – Inset day

20<sup>th</sup> February – children return to school 8.55am start

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February SATS meeting for year 6 parents @ 6pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February-@6pm Reading Workshop for ALL parents (YR-Y6)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

Mrs Smith's afternoon class 2.00pm-2.30pm

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Activity Day - If you would like to help on this day then please contact school.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am - Easter Around the World Celebration - All Welcome.

