

Year R Newsletter Spring 2 2018



Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the half term break. The children have come back excited and ready to learn despite chicken pox and tummy bugs still doing the rounds!



Reading

Congratulations to the children who have already won a book in the weekly Reading Rockets raffle.

Thank you for your support reading with your child and noting what they have read in their purple home reading diaries. It is vital that the children have the opportunity to practise their new reading skills on a daily basis so please encourage them to do this as often as possible at home.

The children will soon start to bring home blue keyword spelling cards in addition to the yellow cards with keywords that they are learning. Please support your child to spell these words correctly when they are writing.

Painting shirts- we would be very grateful if you have any old, large shirts with sleeves that the children can use for painting. Dad's shirts would be perfect if you have any that are no longer needed.

Ways to help your child at home:

- Read every night with your child and fill in the reading diary (purple book)
- Help your child to learn/spell their high frequency words
- Look around the environment for numbers - in shops, on cars or doors etc.
- Help your child to learn to recognise and order numbers to 20 and count amounts together.
- Encourage your child to write for different purposes e.g., a list, a letter, a poster and invitation etc.
- Complete weekly home learning to be returned each **Wednesday**.

Please see your class teacher if you have any queries. Thank you!

Our topic this half term is called.....

Tell Me a Story.

This half term we will be using books and stories as a big focus to help with the children's learning. By the time you read this the children will have worked with some visiting story tellers and enjoyed making props and puppets in their class workshops.

Thank you if you ordered copies of the story tellers' books. A percentage of the money raised will be given to school for future resources.

We will be having a big focus on oral storytelling and role play which will support and stimulate ideas for writing. The children will be writing speech bubbles, captions and making their own books.

The children will be building on their number knowledge and learning how to double amounts and share and halve them equally. They will also be looking at early addition and subtraction in real life contexts.

Please ensure that all school uniform is **clearly named**. This helps to avoid mix-ups when changing after PE and retrieving jumpers and cardigans when required. Thank you

World Book Day Thursday March 1st.

We are having fun planning which story characters we would like to dress up as for World Book Day and we're sure that you will be excited about this too!

If your child would like to bring the story book relating to their character in to school, he/she is very welcome to do this. Please make sure that books are clearly named with name and class.

Please see the Padnell Post and/or school website for other whole school dates this half-term.

