

### Reception -

We have finished our topic of Space by looking at the story of 'Aliens Love Underpants'. We created our own aliens and have done some descriptive writing about them. We also used puppets or pictures to retell and sequence the story.

In Maths we have continued to explore addition and number and have enjoyed solving some alien addition number sentences.

In the outdoor area this week we have been practising our mark making skills with chinks, paints, pens and crayons. We have also constructed our own aliens from various construction materials.

The Reception team would like to say thank you to the parents for the donations towards our creative activities.

### **HOMEWORK**

Reading every day and practising their sounds and words

Handwriting and optional handwriting packs

### Year 1 -

In English we have been answering questions about our Mummy's as Mother's Day is this Sunday. We have also been planning an escape route for the crayons out of our classroom because they have decided to quit! We have also written lists of all the things we are not able to draw, because the crayons have quit, using our letter blends to sound out unfamiliar words.

We have been spelling the letter blends;

*Team 1 (blue) - aw as in raw, slaw and draw*

*Team 2 (green) - igh as in fight, slight and brighter*

*Team 3 (yellow) - er as in term, herb and under*

We have been practising recognising all 35+ letter blends in real and alien words to ensure that we are secure with our reading.

In Maths we have been learning to double numbers to 20. We have also been checking 'data' for the Infants and created a bar graph using this information. We recapped on measuring in cm and were careful to use a ruler accurately.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our Year 1 school trip is next Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup> March). Your child will need a name labelled packed lunch in a carrier bag (so they can be disposed of) accompanied with a labelled drink bottle (also disposable if possible). **Money is not needed on this trip.**

**Classroom doors will open at 8:40am please be as prompt as you can as we will have a coach waiting**

### **HOMEWORK**

Reading: at least 4 times a week and reading diary signed and dated.

### Year 2 -

This week in Maths we have learnt how to solve word problems involving fractions.

We have also practised recalling and using our knowledge of arithmetic to work out calculations involving addition, subtraction, division, multiplication and fractions.

In English we have been talking about favourite books, reading book reviews and learning how to write them.

We have planned and written our own book reviews about Fantastic Mr Fox trying hard to include capital letters, full stops, noun phrases, conjunctions and different types of sentences in our writing.

### **Homework**

Reading is homework and the children should be reading to an adult at least 4 times a week, and reading diaries signed and dated.

Please make sure that your child is doing this as it makes a considerable difference to their progress in reading, particularly if they talk and answer questions about what they have read.

**Spellings:** as explained in the letter stapled into the back of book diaries, written below are the phoneme/graphemes that the children will be practising next week. Please practise these at home too.

### **Sycamore:**

Cheetahs (Team 1) Practising all suffixes/prefixes

Lions (Team 2) suffix ed e.g. stayed, helped, wanted

Tigers (Team 3) igh e.g. night, fight, moonlight

### **Willow:**

Cheetahs - Practising all suffixes/prefixes

Giraffes - suffix est e.g. biggest, hottest, cleanest

Elephants - aw e.g. saw, draw, crawl