

# Reception Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2017



We hope you had a great Easter holiday and are ready for the Summer Term! The children are settling back well and we are looking forward to seeing their continued progress in the term ahead.

All the children had a fantastic time during Special Events week and will enjoy showing you what they did, as well as other things, at the forthcoming **Open Evening (Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 5:30 – 7:30pm)**.

This term our topics will be '**Superheroes, Space and All Around the World**'.

How can you help at home?

- Read both fiction and non-fiction books at home.
- Use your imagination to make up stories and act them out.
- Develop different types of ball skills (throwing, catching, bat and ball)
- Use a numberline to solve number problems

## Literacy

The teaching of reading and spellings, appropriate to the children's ability, takes place regularly within our literacy and Read Write Inc Phonics lessons.

Please support your child's individual reading by reading at home on a **daily basis** and use the **Reading Diary** to record the reading that you do. This is an important part of your child's learning and we use this information to contribute towards your child's reading journey and assessment.

In reading we will continue to look at the elements of a story e.g. characters, settings, resolutions and endings. We will also be using non-fiction texts to retrieve information. The children will continue to practise and learn new sounds and apply them to their reading and writing. The children will be practicing reading "red words." These are words that typically cannot be phonetically sounded out such as "the" and "said". Please practice reading these words at home.

We will also be focusing on writing sentences remembering to use capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. The children will experience writing for different purposes including recounts of stories, lists, captions, instructions, letters and writing their own sentences.

## Weekly Routines and Reminders

- On **Fridays** we have "**Show and Tell**". This is a way for the children to develop their speaking and listening skills. They can bring in an item of interest to them but not a toy e.g. - a photograph, leaflet about a place they have visited, a favourite story etc. Please see the rota below for dates, as this will ensure everyone gets a turn.
- Our **PE** days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please could you continue to ensure that **all** items of clothing are named clearly.
- Please send your child with their reading books, diary and library book **every** day.
- In order that the children can have regular drinks of water we would like each child to have a named bottle with a 'sports' style top, which can be filled every morning and brought into school, (hopefully having been taken home the previous night to be washed)!
- If your child does borrow some of our clothes, please could you wash and return them as soon as possible so they are available for other children.
- Please don't forget to ... **1)** use the white board outside the classroom if your child is being collected by someone different from normal; **2)** make yourself visible to your child and the teacher when they come out, as it is hard to spot individual people quickly; **3)** let us know if there is any relevant information we

should know that may affect your child's behaviour or mood in school, as this helps us respond appropriately to them.

- Please check the school website ([www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk](http://www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk)) under our class page to view further information about the Reception curriculum overview, topic web and class twitter page (@mapleschoolrec).

We hoped you enjoyed the first 'Learning Together' session. The next one we will be running on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm.

We are always happy to discuss any issues with you, so feel free to contact us and we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to a fun and busy term ahead.

**Mrs Garland and the Reception Team**

### **Reception Class - Show and Tell Rota - Summer Term 2017**

Date	Children to show...
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Alex, Bertie, Esme, Anna S, Joshua, Sebastian
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Minty, Arthur, Elly, George, Minni, Emma,
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Anika, Chloe, Paco, Scarlet, Lucas, Zach
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Anna P, Cora, Georgije, Hudson, Vikrant, Florence,
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Nathan, Caetano, Tara, Tiago, Richie, Georgia,
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Alex, Bertie, Esme, Anna S, Joshua, Sebastian
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Minty, Arthur, Elly, George, Minni, Emma,
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Anika, Chloe, Paco, Scarlet, Lucas, Zach
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Anna P, Cora, Georgije, Hudson, Vikrant, Florence,
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Nathan, Caetano, Tara, Tiago, Richie, Georgia,