



Sherrardswood School

6th January 2012

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year.

This term we will be introducing maths homework. This will take the form of a game or activity, which will reinforce the work done in class that week. It will be given out every Friday and should be returned before the following Friday. If you have any queries please ask us.

As with all homework, if your child is tired please do not push them to do it. Homework in Reception is a way of informing you, as parents, of what we are doing in class, and a confidence booster for the children to show you what they know. It is not meant to be a teaching exercise for you.

Our topic this term is children's authors. Within this topic we will be learning a little bit about each author and identifying the different books they have written. The children will be encouraged to bring in books they have at home which relate to the weekly author. The purpose of this topic is to help the children develop an interest in books beyond simply the mechanics of reading. Other curriculum areas will be linked into this topic. We will also be learning about toys, the Chinese New Year and the Christian Festival of Easter. In Numeracy we will be reinforcing the concepts of addition and subtraction, making links to money and beginning to look at the measure of time. In Literacy we will be focussing on rhyme, initial consonant blends, and consolidating our understanding of the basic reading and writing strategies taught last term.

We will continue to send home information each week outlining the Literacy and Numeracy focus for the following week.

The week commencing 27th February is Book Week and the week of 12th March is Charity Week. I will send you more information about what will be happening during these week later this half term.

During the week we break up for Easter, we are planning to have an activity morning and are pleased to invite parents to come into school and work with the children on a range of creative activities linked to Easter. Details will follow nearer the time.

Our traditional Easter Assembly for Reception and Key Stage One will be held on the last afternoon of term. Again, more details will follow.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for the Christmas gifts and cards you kindly gave the Reception team.

We are all looking forward to a positive and productive Spring.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Dathan
Assistant Headteacher

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