



Cannon Lane Primary School



Reception Newsletter

March 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term seems to have flown by. The children have been making excellent progress in all areas of learning. The topic of Traditional Tales has been fabulous for developing their story writing skills as well as their reading and mathematical skills. Our new canopy has been completed in time for us to take advantage of some spring sunshine.

Reading

We are aware that many of the children in Reception read a wide range of books in addition to the reading books that are sent home weekly. We would love you to share with us the books that your child reads at home. Can you please record any books that your child reads either independently or with some adult support in their reading record. It would be great if you could just fill in the date, the name of the book and a brief comment about your child's response to the book including whether they read it independently or with help. Please continue to record your child's responses to the reading book as well.



Writing

Our Mother's Day writing was very successful. Thank you so much to all the mums who sent in their photographs so the children would be inspired to write about them. Some children used the photos to develop their speaking skills in front of the whole class. Motivation to write is key for young children and having something personal like a photo really inspires them.

When encouraging children to write at home try to find a hook that will motivate them such as writing a shopping list before going shopping or a plan for a Lego model.



Science Week

The children have been learning all about their eyes and how to look after them this week. Thanks to Mrs Patel who came in to share her expert knowledge of ophthalmology with the children. We all learned something valuable especially about why pirates wore eye patches!!

Mrs Mirza captivated the children with outdoor experiments including making volcanoes with coke and Mentos.

World Book Day

World Book Day proved to be very successful with the children sharing their favourite books with each other. The day was made extra special by the fact that most children were able to dress as a character including The Gingerbreadman and Alice in Wonderland.

Legoland Trip

Hazel and Willow classes have already enjoyed their Legoland trip.

Maple and Beech classes will be going on Thursday 21st April. Thank you to all the parents who have kindly volunteered to help. There will be another trip for Reception children in the Summer Term and we will again be asking for volunteers.

Learning Journeys

Learning Journeys will be coming home to you again over Easter. Please look at them with your child and encourage them to tell you about their work. We would be very grateful if you could add in any photographs and pieces of work such as writing that the children do at home. We would also appreciate photos of holidays or trips that you undertake during the Easter break.

Please feel free to come and see me if there is anything I can support you with.



Kind Regards
Mrs Rea, Assistant Headteacher for Early Years Foundation Stage

