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Reception Newsletter **W/C 29th January 2024**

Dear Reception Families,

The children had a wonderful time last week learning about planes and creating some fantastic writing linked to this topic; plane tickets, onboard menus, luggage tags, passports and flight safety rules! In maths the children secured their understanding of the word 'altogether' to solve number stories and find totals using counting resources.

Reading

The children's reading is coming along amazingly and we can tell that there has been lots of reading practice going on at home. Even a few pages a day makes a difference! We will continue to teach new digraphs but the whole of next term is consolidation of all these sounds so there will be plenty of time to practice their phonics learning and build reading fluency. Please keep up the reading at home and keep the reading backs in school book bags.

Learning

Our topic this half term is Travel and Transport. Last week the children were exposed to new vocabulary such as security, captain, take off, landing, departure and passenger. Some chose to engage in some plane role-play and demonstrated their understanding by using these words in context.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

This week we will include the following in our learning:

- Read and share 'Astro Girl' and then ask children appropriate questions about the story.
- Discussing 'what is space?' and writing about travelling to space.
- Continuing to practise sounding out CVC, CVCC and CCVC words when reading and writing.

Maths:

This week is Saxon Maths Week!

- Please see the main newsletter for information about the Dress Up for Digits day on Friday.
- In class the children will be engaging in lots of fun maths games and hearing some maths stories.
- The following website has lots of great interactive games to try at home

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>.

Other Areas of Learning:

- PSHE: We are learning to be positive and use kind words in our interactions with others.
- Understanding the World: We are learning to understand the transport available in Shepperton.
- Arts: Creating storylines in travel role play, drawing travel pictures and dressing up for a holiday using the costumes
- P.E: We are learning to develop overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility.



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Notices/Reminders:

-Just a reminder that children should only be bringing in **one** healthy snack a day; for example, some fruit, a yoghurt tube, rice cake, fruit bar etc. Snack time in Reception is about 10:15 so if they have something more substantial like a wrap they are not hungry enough to finish their lunch, which starts at 11:45. Thank you. We do have plenty of fruit available in school if a child does not have a snack.

-Next week we welcome families to come and see your child in class for Stay, Play & Learn (please see separate email sent this morning). We have space for **1 adult per child**, with **6 spaces each day**. Please sign up by clicking on your class' link below.

RB: <https://buytickets.at/saxonprimaryschool/1075672>

RGM: <https://buytickets.at/saxonprimaryschool/1075675>

-Next week is Children's Mental Health week. The theme of the week is My Voice Matters. We will be doing some PSHE sessions based on this.

-A polite reminder to please continue to check your child's hair for headlice as we have noticed some head scratching recently! Please let us know if you find lice in your child's hair; it is very common every year in Reception and we do need to inform other parents. Thank you for your support with this.

Please do not hesitate to email or call the school if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Morley, Miss Glaves and Mrs Bright