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Dear Reception Families,

Last week, we learnt lots of very interesting facts about slugs! We also made our own slug out of salt dough. The spring term has been a busy but short term! We are proud of the progress all of the children have made. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter holidays and look forward to welcoming the children back for our final term in Reception. There are so many exciting activities and events planned, including their first school trip and sports day!

Learning

This week, we will continue our learning about minibeasts. We will be reading some mini beast rhymes. We will learn about rhyming words.

We will learn some new vocabulary with actions; stump, frown, shrink, jittery, tremble and wail.

Can your child tell you the meaning of the words and show you the corresponding actions?

Handwriting

We have now taught the formation of all the letters from the 'curly letter family'. This week, we will send home some letter formation practice in the children's book bags. It would be great if you could support your child to have a go at practicing forming the different letters over the Easter holidays.

Phonics

This week, we will review all of the Phase 3 sounds we have learnt; **ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er.**

We will also review all of the tricky words we have learnt so far in Reception. Please continue to practice tricky words at home with your child. Can you play tricky words hide and seek? Hide them around a room for your child to find and read!

We will learn that the grapheme 's' can make the sound /z/ within words and at the end of words as a suffix. You could practice reading the below words with your child.

queens

visit

chairs

chains

poison

Maths:

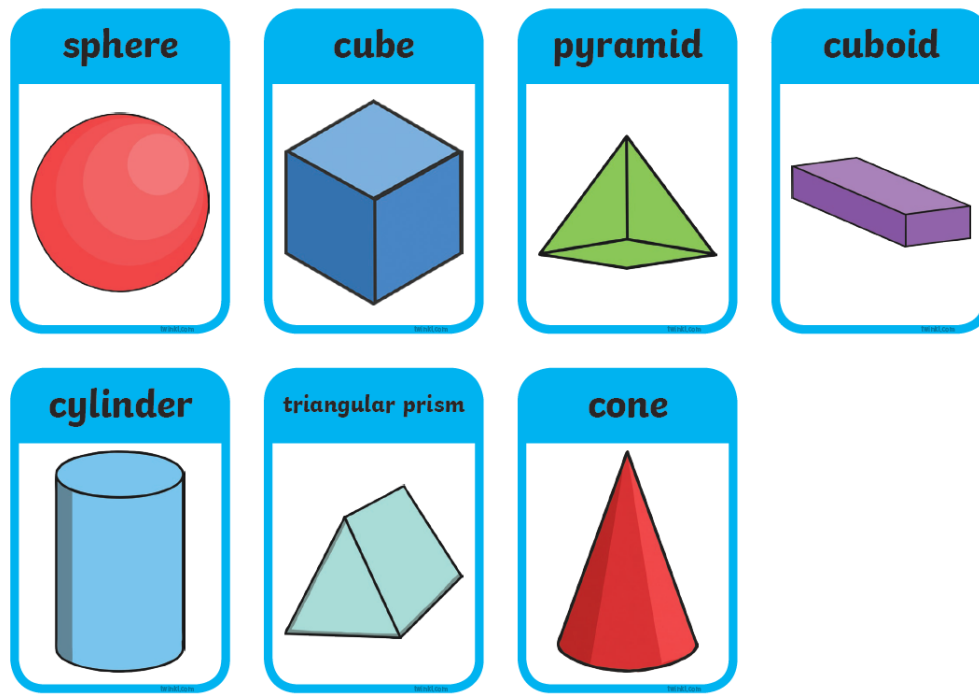
This week, we will be learning to recognise and describe 3D shapes. Can you go on a 3D shape around your house? Can you spot any 3D shapes on your way to school?

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Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – we will write facts about the different minibeasts we have learnt about this term.
- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)** – Our school nurse will visit the children to deliver a workshop on 'hand hygiene'.
- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – we will use junk modelling materials to create our own instruments.
- **PD (Physical development)** - we will explore different ways of moving and handling a hoop.

Notices and reminders:

-Next term the children will have swimming lessons on Mondays, run by the Swim Quest staff (please see separate email for more information.) Please do not worry if your child has no or little experience with swimming. The swimming teachers will assess their ability and teach them to their level. They are also trained to managed any anxieties about being in the water. Please note there will also always be an adult familiar to the children on the pool side. Over the break it would be really helpful for your child to practice getting changed in and out of their swimwear. Thank you for your support.

-After Easter, Reception's PE day will be Thursday.

- After the Easter break, our topic will be 'Amazing Animals'. During the first week, we will learn about pets. If you have any pets at home, please upload some photographs to Tapestry for us to share with the children. Could you tell us how you help to look after your pet? What does your pet eat?

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Mrs Duxon and Mrs Lewis