

# Reception News

Friday 16th October 2009

## **Mathematical Development (MD)**

*To recognise and make symmetrical patterns.*

Please encourage your child to look for symmetrical patterns in the world around them. i.e on clothing, wallpaper etc

## **Communication, Language and Literacy (C,L,L)**

*To learn and use new words to describe objects. To segment, blend and manipulate phonemes in simple words.*

We have been applying our knowledge of a, m, i, s, t by reading and spelling simple words involving these sounds- you can support this at home by having a go at reading simple words such as 'sam' 'mat' 'it' etc

## **Creative Development (CD)**

*To sing simple songs from memory.*

The children have been working hard to learn the words of their new songs for our Harvest Assembly (details below).

## **Knowledge and Understanding of the World (KUW)**

*To investigate using all their senses.*

We were all very excited on Wednesday when we were visited by ZOOLAB- We looked at, smelt and held animals such as a millipede, snake and cockroach. Make sure you look at the photo displays in the classrooms.

## **Physical Development (PD)**

*To move in a variety of ways.*

The children have been into the hall for PE this week. We have learnt the rules of PE and have explored the movements of different minibeasts such as a worm, ladybird and butterfly.

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)**

*To be sensitive to the needs of all living creatures.*

We used the story 'Be Gentle' to examine the idea that all living creatures need to be treated with care. The children got a chance to show how caring they could be when ZOOLAB visited

### General Notes

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct all children will attend FULL TIME. Doors open at 8.40am for an 8.50am start and children finish school at 3.15pm. We break up for half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct and return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school everyday from now on. We spend a great deal of the day outside and it is too cold now for those without coat to participate fully. We thank you for your help with this.

The children regularly ask for drinks of water and this is made much easier if every child has a water bottle. These are available from the school office at a cost of £1. In line with our Healthy School status we do not allow the children to bring anything other than plain water in their bottle.

As mentioned on the previous whole school newsletter, you are **WARMLY WELCOMED** to join us for our **Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm**- We do hope you will be able to attend.

**ADVANCED WARNING**- The week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Nov will be 'Book Week' and we will be asking the children to come in one of the days dressed up as a character from a book- please try to avoid TV/film characters and focus on 'book' characters.

**MANY THANKS FROM THE RECEPTION TEAM.**