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Dear Parents,

We hope you had a relaxing half term break. We have a busy half term ahead of us with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children. Our topic this half term is 'Light and Dark' and the children will be learning about firework safety and what different things happen in the day and at night, linking their own experiences of the night time. We will be reading the books 'The Rabbit, the dark and the biscuit tin' and 'Funny Bones'. We have started the term off with an art week across the school focusing on sculpture, reception making 60 mod rock and collaged balloons which will form part of a large sculpture in the school hall.

Please remember that we are very keen to see what the children are learning at home and this adds to the overall assessment we make on your child. Therefore, if your child does something for the first time, has a special experience or if they do something that makes you go wow, please add this to their Tapestry account. We would really like to share these moments with the children too and it all helps contribute to the learning journey that we need to have of your child.

Phonics

Every day after our phonics lesson we post on Tapestry under **memos** the learning from that day so that you can revise the taught sound with your child including how to correctly form the letter or letters that make the sound. This is important to do as we are learning a new sound every day. As your child learns and remembers the sounds they are taught they will be able to read more words and write independently. Thank you for your support with this.

Reading

All children now have a school reading book which should be kept in the wallet provided and brought into school everyday. When we read with your children in school we will post an observation on tapestry informing you of what we did and what you can practise with your child at home. These observations replace a written reading diary and you should respond to the observation with your comments from reading at home underneath the observation we have created.

All children have access to Bug Club. If you have not used this with your child yet, please take a look as there are lots of extra books, quizzes and games for your child to access.

Towards the end of this half term we will be sending a sheet of tricky words (words that cannot be sounded out) home in your child's reading folder. Please take the opportunity to practise these with your child so that they can read them accurately and quickly.

Education City

In your child's book bag will be a letter and login details for a website we use in school called Education City. This website is a great way to revise and consolidate key skills learnt in school. Please login and take a look with your child.

Lost property

We are seeing a lot of unnamed uniform across the three classes and lots of unclaimed lost property in building up. Please check that all your child's things are clearly named so we can return mislaid items to the right child.

Independence

If your child cannot independently put their coat on and zip it up, please continue to practise this with them at home. As the weather is very changeable at the moment please ensure your child has a coat everyday.

Reception theatre trip

As part of our learning this half term we are visiting the Warwick Arts Centre to see Eric Carle's famous story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' on **Wednesday 15th December**. We are booked in to see the morning performance, and will be back in time for lunch as normal.

The coach is leaving at 9.30am and so it is very important to be at school on time so that we can get the children ready in good time. Children should wear their **normal school uniform** for this learning visit and do not need to take anything special with them. Although this is only a short coach journey, please let your child's class teacher know if your child suffers from travel sickness.

The voluntary cost of the trip is £18.00 per child, which covers the coach and ticket price for the performance.

The method of payment is via 'ParentPay', which also provides permission to attend. Payments should be received by **Tuesday 30th November**. All parents have been sent a parent pay login – if you are not able to access yours, please see Viv Lawton in the school office.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, but are concerned about financing it, please contact the office or come in for a conversation with Mrs Oustayiannis or Ms Roberts to discuss what funding assistance you may be eligible for. Please note all children who are currently eligible for pupil premium will be paid for by the pupil premium grant.

*****Key dates coming up*****

Children in Need – Friday 19th November – the children are invited to come to school in their normal uniform with a spotty accessory such as socks, hairband or bandana – for a donation of your choice for Children in Need.

Reception virtual learning to learn meeting – on Wednesday 24th November we will post a video on Tapestry explaining lots of really useful information about how children learn reading, writing and maths in reception. Please take the time to watch this.

Reception Nativity performance – in order to safely invite parents and carers into school to watch the nativity performance each class will be performing individually.

Monday 13th December 9.15am – Magenta class

Tuesday 14th December 9.15am – Crimson class

Thursday 16th December 9.15am – Cherry class

You do not need a ticket for this event but due to Covid restrictions we can only admit 2 adults per child into the hall to attend. Performances will last approximately 45 minutes we hope you can join us.

Kind regards

The Reception Team

