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Reading All the children should have come home with a reading diary and a school reading book this week. Please hear your child read every evening and sign their reading diaries. We will only change books if you have signed their diary to say they have read. It may take a few weeks for the children to settle into a reading pattern in school. We will continually assess how your child is getting on and do our best to ensure that they are reading books at an appropriate challenge for them.

Mathletics On the inside cover of your child's reading diary is their 'Mathletics' login information. We currently have access to this website so that your children can work on their maths skills at home. Please feel free to use the mathletics website with your child.

PE kits The children coped admirably with getting changed for PE this week. PE will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon. Please leave your child's PE kit in school. We will send it home at the end of each half term for washing.

This week we have been looking closely at our hands and our fingerprints. We have talked about all of the good things we can do with our hands and about the importance of washing them. In maths we have been focusing on 2d shapes; making sure we can name basic 2d shapes such as circle, rectangle, square and triangle. We have also been describing these shapes and commenting on how many sides and corners they have. In PE we learnt how to respond to stop and start signals, find a space and travel in different ways. In other areas of our learning we have thought about where we are in the world and been on a tour of the school, used clay and made our Christmas cards.

Next week we will be using our listening skills. In maths we will continue to work on shapes and repeating patterns and in literacy we will use the book 'Peace at Last'. We will talk about the sounds we can hear during the day and when we go to bed and sequence the pictures from the story.

Fruit Kebabs We would like to make fruit kebabs with the children next week incorporating the idea of repeating patterns. Please could every child bring in a piece of fruit (e.g., one orange or a few strawberries) to use for this activity. Many thanks.

Letters and Sounds This week we have been working on learning to recognise the sounds s,a,t,p. For those children who are ready we have worked on blending these sounds together to make words (as, at, tap, pat, sat). We have also practised writing these letters using the correct pencil grip and letter formation.

Weekly Challenge Can you use 2d shapes to create a picture? Work on recognising and naming; square, rectangle, triangle and circle. Bring your picture into school to share with us.

Junk Modelling Please bring in your clean recycling pots and boxes for us to use in our junk modelling area. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

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