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Dear Reception Parents,

Welcome back everybody, to a new term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and many thanks for our lovely gifts. This half term our topic will be 'Dangerous Jobs'. We will be covering a different type of job each week. If any parents would like to come in and talk about their jobs (dangerous or not) please let me know. Make sure you check the newsletter to find out what we will be covering in the next week so you can also think about those things at home with your child. We now have a blog page on our website under the Reception page; this will allow you to see what we have been doing and give you talking points when the children respond with "I don't know" after you've asked them what they've been doing!

In Communication, Language and Literacy we will be writing short captions relating to the different dangerous job related story books. By Easter most children should be able to write a short caption, writing at least the initial letter and one other without help.

In Mathematical Development we will be looking at numbers 10 to 20 and applying our skills of 1 more/1 less, addition and subtraction. By Easter most children should be able to work out 1 and maybe 2 more/less than a number between 1 and 10, count in tens to 100, recognise numbers to 20, answer simple subtraction sums and write numbers to 20.

Phonics will continue daily. Your child may have moved to a different group this half-term. As children in Reception begin to blend words and recognise new sounds they move to Phase 3 led by Mrs Clarke. Phases 1-4 are all Reception levels.

All children will now be heard reading by myself in a guided session every week. Children will also be heard individually each week and books will be swapped if their home school reading records are signed. Please ensure that you make a comment in their yellow book and leave it in their green bag on their change and reading day.

We will have a specialised coach in this half term teaching using fundamental movement skills so please make sure children's PE kits are in school ready for PE lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

You are most welcome to contact us at any time about any issue regarding your child's welfare or progress.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Armer and Mrs Clarke

