

## 31.1.19

We are officially half way through the year! It is amazing to think how far the children have come in that time! It was lovely for the children to be able to show off their dinosaurs and writing to you on Thursday. Thank you to those who could pop in and see the children's creations! They were certainly proud to be able to show them off!

Next week we are changing our topic. We will be exploring how people celebrate Chinese New Year (on Tuesday) alongside starting our technology week. We will be looking at a range of technology (electrical items that are useful to us) used at school and at home. On Tuesday we will be having our internet safety session, where you are invited into school at 2.45 to listen to the story and discuss how to keep safe when using the internet.

In maths we learnt about subtraction this week. Subtraction is taking away amounts from a number. We have concentrated on subtracting 1 from a number, linking it to 'one less' and 'the number before'. Next week we will be taking away 2 from numbers to 10. We will also be thinking about the number 12 as the number of the week.

In phonics we have learnt the phonemes sh and ch (which are digraphs - two letters that make one sound) and the tricky word he. The children have read words containing these phonemes (shell, shin, chin, mash, such, fish, chips etc) and have practised writing the letters in words. They have read some simple sentences, like 'fish and chips'. It is quite tricky to read these two letters together in words without saying each sound, so if you could practise reading words containing these digraphs it would really help the children to remember the sound. Thank you.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Internet safety day
FOPS film night 3.15 - 5.15 £2.50
Stay and Play 1.30 - 3.15
Stay and Play 8.55 - 10.30
Break up for half term
Return to school
Mid term reports out to families
Family consultation 3 - 5pm
Family consultation 5 - 7pm

We hope that you have a lovely weekend. Mrs Houghton, Miss Horner and the Reception team. reception@parkspringprimary.co.uk