



## Luddendenfoot Academy

### Summer term in Reception - Our topic this half term is Space!

#### Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely holiday!

Following discussions with the children we have chosen 'Space' as our topic this half term. We will be finding out all about the planets in our solar system, interstellar exploration and the possibility of discovering alien life forms! We have lots of space experts in our class so I am sure we'll be learning lots from one another as we venture into our final term in Reception!

We have also set up a class shop so that we can begin to discuss money this half term. We will be finding out about the value of different coins and notes and using money to buy items from our shop. Hopefully we will also be able to combine different denominations of coin to make different amounts, solving money problems in provision as well as in groups.

#### To support your child at home you can help them to –

Read their reading books, practice sounds and flashcards and write anything at all! Any writing that children bring into school will of course receive copious dojos and public praise! Reading to your children is always a fabulous way of developing their comprehension and listening skills, and of course is a great opportunity to encourage creativity and a life-long love of reading.

Keep reading numerals in the environment (price tags, house numbers, number plates etc) – this will allow your child to practice and reinforce their numeracy skills. We are working on money problems, simple addition and subtraction and doubling and halving this half term. Practising these skills at home will really help to reinforce the work we do in school!

#### Encouraging independence –

As we are embarking on our final term in Reception (sniff) we are going to try and get as prepared for Year 1 as we possibly can. Please can you continue to drop your child off at the outside door whenever possible, rather than coming into the cloakroom. We will also begin to line up outside the classroom like the big children do, ready for next term!

**Baking** Thank you for your contributions to our baking fund last term – these have enabled us to make all sorts of delicious goodies and healthy snacks.

We would be really grateful if your child could bring 50p a week so that we can continue to bake on a regular basis.

**PE** Please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school, with everything clearly labelled with their name!

PE this term will take place on a Thursday afternoon.

**Check out our class blog to find out what we have been up to each week! Remember, you can keep up with your child's progress and add photos or comments by logging into Early Essence.**