

# Reception Newsletter!

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Week 3

We have had a wonderful and wintery week in Reception class.

On Monday we had lots of fun working together to make bird feeders for all the birds that visit our garden. **Ask us how we made our bird feeders.**

As part of our mathematics sessions this week we got ourselves wrapped up warm and took our learning into the outdoors. We had a great time going on a winter scavenger hunt! We worked in pairs to read our sheet, recognising numerals to 10, and then counting carefully as we collected the different items. **Ask us what we found.** We also had lots of fun making a nature numberline. We worked together as a group to order number cards 1-10 and then had a great time collecting lots of natural objects (leaves and sticks) to represent each number, again, working hard to count carefully. **Ask us about our nature numberline.**

As part of our topic this week we have enjoyed learning about life in the Arctic. We discovered that some animals and people call the Arctic home. We talked about the Inuit communities that live in the Arctic. The Inuit people live in far northern Arctic areas. Populations of Inuit people are living in Greenland, Canada, Alaska, Russia and Denmark. Ask us to tell you about some of the Inuit communities we learnt about and their customs and traditions. **Ask us all about it!**

On Wednesday we were so excited to receive a visit from our Broomley Digital Leaders. The Digital Leaders introduced us to the amazing Sphero. Sphero is a spherical robot controlled via an app. After a brilliant introduction from our Digital Leaders one group took the Spheros outside and had a fantastic time programming each Sphero to make patterns and shapes. We then decided to make an obstacle course for the Spheros to move through, including going through pipes and under 'bridges.' **Ask us all about it!** Next week the remaining two groups will have an opportunity to explore and play with the Spheros.

In P.E we had great fun learning how to 'tag' someone when playing Tag Rugby. We also practise our throwing and catching skills. **Ask us what we have to shout when we tag someone.**

**Toys in school** We have spoken to the children this week about not bringing toys into school from home. It is lovely that the children like to share their toys with their friends, however, as you can imagine these toys are very easily lost or get broken when taken outside.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## **Wow Wednesday Dates**

Wow Wednesdays provide an opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journey. **They are held between 8.30-8.50am on the following dates:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

## **Phonics**

This week we have learnt the following Phase 3 consonant digraphs; **ch sh th**. We know that a digraph is two letters that make one sound.

We have practised reading and writing CVC words, including chip, chop, rich, shop, ship, bath and thin.

When you are out and about this weekend you might like to see if you can spot some of our new sounds in signs/magazines etc.

**We have also been hard at work trying to read and write our key words. Ask us to show you at home.**

# Our week in pictures...



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.