

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 15th February 2019

Week 6

We have had a lovely end to our half term in Reception class.

On Monday we had a great day planting some potatoes and giant onions in our forest school garden. **Ask us what tools we used to prepare the soil and to plant the vegetables.** We then worked together in small groups to build amazing nest boxes for the blue tits who live in our garden. **Ask us to name and describe some of the garden birds who live in our garden.**

We had a brilliant PE session this week. For our final Tag Rugby session we braved the wind and went over to the MUGA where we played several games of Tag Rugby. The children were amazing! They remembered how to pass the ball, how to carry the ball and how to score a try. **Ask us all about it!**

After half term we will start our football sessions.

In our mathematics sessions this week we have built upon our knowledge of one more and one less and started to look at addition. We told lots of number stories (e.g. 4 polar bears were walking on the ice. 2 more polar bears came to join them. Altogether there were 6 polar bears.) We are able to use the + = symbols as actions when we tell our stories and have begun to write out our stories as number sentences, e.g. $4+2=6$. **Ask us all about our addition number stories!**

We had a wonderful day on Thursday celebrating Valentine's Day. The children looked amazing all dressed in their red and pink clothes! We had a great morning making Valentine's cards and Valentine's decorations. We then had an extra special dance session with Eve before joining Pre-School for pink juice and a Valentine's themed movie, 'Gnomeo and Juliet.'

We would like to say a big thank you for your continued support in helping us to create the best possible learning environment for our children.

Learning at home/ Half Term News

We absolutely love hearing about your child's fantastic learning experiences outside of school. We have sent home a Holiday News sheet that you may like to complete with your child over the half term. Your child will have the opportunity to share their news with the class as part of our circle time sessions in the first few weeks back and then their sheet will be added to their Learning Journey. It has been lovely to see 'Our Sharing Wall' fill up over the weeks. The children really enjoyed talking to their friends about their photographs. Please note this is just one format that you may like to use, feel free to send things into school in any format that works best for you.

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 6th March

Wednesday 20th March

Wednesday 3rd April

Phonics

This week we have learnt the following Phase 3 vowel digraphs; **oo ar or**. We talked a little bit about how **oo** can make a long or a short sound (we will learn more about long and short vowel sounds in KS1.)

We have enjoyed reading sentences containing our newer Phase 3 graphemes and demonstrating our comprehension skills by drawing a picture to go with the sentence. We have sent home 2 phonics challenges for half term to support with both blending and segmenting. We would encourage the children to use their sound mats when completing the writing challenges.

We would like to say a big thank you for your support with Phonics at home. The children's confidence and 'give it a go' attitude is amazing.

Over the half term holiday you might like to review all our key words from this half term (both reading and writing.)

Our week in pictures...



We hope you have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 25th February.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.