

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 5th October 2018
Week 5

We have had a lovely start to October in Reception class. We began our week by collecting all the apples that had fallen off the apple trees in our forest school garden. We had lots of fun counting out the apples and worked hard to match the quantity to the numeral. We enjoyed looking at all the vegetables that had grown in the garden over the Spring and Summer months and talked about how we are going to look after the garden during Autumn and Winter.

On Tuesday we were so excited to receive another letter from Percy (the Park Keeper). Percy and the animals were getting ready for hibernation and Percy thought we might be able to help the animals that live in our outdoor classroom. We had lots of fun learning about hibernation and how the animals prepare. **Ask us about the story 'Don't Hog the Hedge' and how Hattie the Hedgehog helped the animals get ready for hibernation.** We learnt that hedgehogs like to hibernate in hedges, toads hibernate somewhere damp and bats often hibernate in really big groups. **Ask us all about hibernation!** This week we also read the beautifully illustrated story 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert. We loved listening to the story and joining in with the repetition. We made our own Leaf Man puppets which we used to retell our favourite parts of the story. We also collected lots of leaves and used these to create leaf pictures inspired by the story. On Friday we had lots of fun imagining all the amazing places the wind would take Leaf Man next. We even began writing our stories using pictures and key words. **Ask us all about our Leaf Man stories!**

In our P.E. session this week we had a great time developing our hockey skills. Mr. Thompson is so impressed with how much progress we have made already this half term. We learnt how to hold our hockey sticks and how to dribble the ball with increasing control.

As part of our mathematics sessions this week we have been exploring repeating patterns. We have looked at lots of simple patterns (e.g. red, yellow, red, yellow) and enjoyed continuing these patterns using LEGO, cubes, finger prints and more. We also enjoyed working together to make simple repeating patterns in the outdoor classroom using leaves and sticks. When you are playing together this weekend you might like to make your own patterns.

It was so lovely to welcome so many of you to our first WOW Wednesday this week. We know the children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you. We look forward to welcoming you to the next session on Wednesday 17th October.

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 17th October
Wednesday 14th November
Wednesday 28th November
December date TBC

Phonics (Learning at home.)

This week we have learnt the sounds **m g o**. We learnt the sounds the letters make and the letter names. We have practiced forming the letters (trying to make sure they sit on the line) and used pictures to help read words and simple sentences. **Ask us all about it!**

We have sent home a Phase 2 Sound Mat, High Frequency Word Mat and Tricky Word Mat. You may like to use these resources at home to support your child. A good way to use these resources is to put them up somewhere your child will see them often, like in the kitchen (or even laminate them to be used as a place mat.) By having these sounds and key words visible it supports your child to develop their sight vocabulary. We also encourage children to use the same resources in school to support their independent reading and writing challenges.

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.