

# Reception Newsletter!

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Week 11

We've had a very busy week in Reception class!

As part of our 'Around the World' topic this week we travelled all the way to the United States of America. We listened to the story of 'The First Thanksgiving' and discovered that today many people celebrate Thanksgiving by being thankful for all the good things that have happened in the world over the past year. We really enjoyed talking about all the things we are thankful for, including our lovely families, our pet dogs and chickens, our lovely homes, our super school and our amazing friends. We enjoyed completing lots of Thanksgiving crafts, including our autumn paper chains and handprint turkeys as well as revisiting one of our favourite stories, *Leaf Man*, which is set in North America. **Ask us to tell you about the story of Thanksgiving and how many people celebrate Thanksgiving today.**

In our mathematics sessions this week we have had great fun exploring capacity. We received a letter from The Big Bad Mouse who was busy making his favourite food, Gruffalo crumble! The Big Bad Mouse wanted to use the bowl with the biggest capacity to make his crumble so he asked us for our help! We had a great time measuring the capacity of different bowls/containers and worked hard to use the mathematical vocabulary **capacity, measure, full, empty, nearly empty, nearly full, half empty, half full**. We had a great time playing in the water outside and exploring the capacity of a variety of different containers...including wellies! **Ask us all about it!**

In our P.E session this week Mr Thompson was so impressed with our organisation and teamwork! We had a great time completing different challenges, including pulling ourselves along a bench, weaving in and out of cones and jumping in and out of hoops. We are getting really quick at getting ready for P.E and have been working hard to fasten buttons ourselves.

**Ask us what our favourite challenge was!**

We are really enjoying practising our Christmas Play. We were very excited when Pre-School joined us this week and we worked very hard to teach them the actions we have choreographed. Thank you so much for sending costumes into school. A polite reminder that all costumes need to be in school by Monday (26<sup>th</sup>) as we have our photoshoot on Tuesday. Thank you for your 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 28<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

## Phonics/Key Words

This week we have focused on reading and writing our Reception High Frequency words. There are 100 key High Frequency words that the children will learn in Reception. Some of these words are 'tricky words' and some are decodable. The aim is for children to be able to recognise these words in sentences and books and read them with increasing levels of fluency. We also work hard to use our knowledge to spell these words with increasing accuracy. Each week we will focus on 6 'key words' within our phonics sessions. We will let you know the key words each week in our newsletter so that you can practise them at home/look out for them in your reading books. **Our key words this week were: the and a to said in**

# 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.