

# Reception Newsletter!

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Week 11

We have had another brilliant week in Reception class.

On Monday we had another lovely sunny outdoor day. We went on a Wetland animal hunt across the fields to find some of the animals that had escaped from the Wetlands Center. We found flamingos, otters, cranes and even a greater spotted woodpecker. Thankfully we managed to rescue them all and bring them back ready for our visit next week. We've also been learning about the life cycle of a chick. **Ask us all about it!** In our mathematic sessions we have applied our knowledge of partitioning and number bonds to problem solving activities. We have built 'towers of 10' using numicon, trying to use as many pairs to 10 as we can. We played lots of guessing games (e.g. if we have 6 toys in a bag and pull out 4, how many are left?), used 'part-part, whole' grids to explore number bonds to 10 and made beautiful number bond ladybirds! We watched the 'Numberblock Castle' episode of Numberblocks and had lots of fun working out how they were going to make each number. You might like to watch the episode at home. The following link will direct you to YouTube, as always please be aware of adverts and other content when using YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ce6w0WQLrm8>

We have been embracing the (slightly) warmer weather this week and spending lots of time in our outdoor classroom. To finish off our winter topic we have had lots of fun painting on and with ice! We loved how the colour spread and made patterns across the ice. **Ask us about painting on ice!** We also enjoyed creating beautiful, large scale, chalk pictures and turning the hut into an ice cream shop!

This week we have also talked about some of the special people in our families, especially our mummies and grandmothers. The children have made special cards to share with you this weekend.

## Wow Wednesday Dates

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

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

## Phonics

**Reminder: reading books are sent home on a Thursday and should be returned to school on Tuesday.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

In Phonics this week we have focused on reviewing the following Phase 3 vowel sounds **ai ee igh oa oo**.

We have focused on spelling words containing these sounds and encouraging children to use sound mats to support with independent spelling.

You might like to practise these sounds at home and see how many you can find in your reading books and bedtime story books. You might also like to spell some simple CVC words containing these sounds.

# Our week in pictures...



We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.