

# Reception Newsletter!

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Week 3

We have had a wonderful (and very windy!) week in Reception. We are very proud of how well the children have settled into our full time routine! We started our week by talking about our lovely families. We talked about what makes our families special, from playing Lego together, to going on bike rides to baking cakes and so much more. On Tuesday we shared the story, 'The Rainbow Fish.' We loved that the story had a happy ending. It reminded us how important it is to share and how being kind makes us feel happy! We enjoyed the story so much we decided to make our own special rainbow fish which you can see in our EYFS corridor. **Ask us about the Rainbow Fish!**

On Wednesday we had a brilliant P.E lesson. This week we really enjoyed exploring the tennis rackets and even managed to get a rally going! We also enjoyed using the bean bags to practice our throwing and catching and the hula hoops are always a favourite.

On Thursday we explored 2D shape in our Mathematics sessions. We have focused on naming and describing rectangles, squares, triangles and circles. We have used the mathematical vocabulary 'sides' and 'corners' to describe the shapes. We had so much fun going on shape hunts around school and found lots of shapes in the environment. We made shape monsters out of playdough and shape aliens with 'gummed' shapes. **Ask us all about our Shape Aliens!** When you are out and about at the weekend see how many different shapes you can find! You might even like to try and make some shapes with leaves/sticks in your garden.

This week we also started our 'Autumn Days' topic. We started by reflecting on what we already know about Autumn and then we decided what we would like to find out! We want to investigate why leaves change colour and fall off the trees, why squirrels hide their nuts, and why it gets cold.

**Conkers:** We love using conkers as part of our continuous provision, to support with counting in maths and to use in art work. Our current 'supply' is running low! If you happen to see any conkers when you are out and about we would be very grateful if you could collect some for us to use in class. **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 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

December date TBC

## Week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September

**Staffing:** Mrs Humes is completing the final day of her first aid course on Monday. Mrs Swan (who the children know very well) will be teaching all day on Monday.

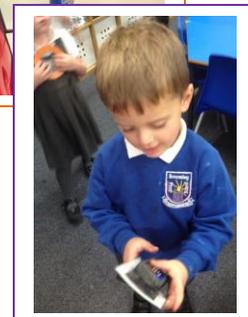
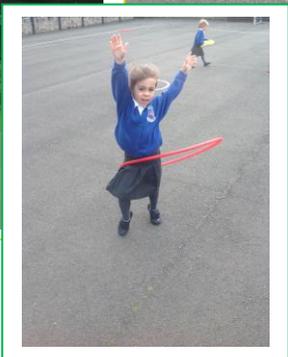
## **Phonics**

This week we started our focused Phonics sessions. We learnt the sounds the following letters make; **s a t**. We also learnt their letter names (alphabet.) We used our magic pencils (fingers) to practice our letter formation and played games where we had to match the initial sound with the object. We also sang the Jolly Phonics songs for these sounds. Ask us to sing them for you at home!

We worked hard to make sure we used clear, correct pronunciation when saying our sounds, e.g. 'sssssss' **not** 'suh.'

When you are out and about this weekend you might like to see how many objects you can spot that begin with our new sounds. You might also like to see if you can make the letters using natural objects or toys..

# 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.