

# Reception Newsletter!

Friday 15 March 2019

Week 9

We have had another lovely and busy week in Reception class.

As part of our Winter Wonderland topic we have had lots of fun labelling pictures of penguins.

We have learnt that information books often have labelled diagrams and pictures to provide even more information to the reader. We used our knowledge of penguins to label their key features, including feathers, beak, flippers and webbed feet. We then applied this skill to our independent activities and have enjoyed labelling all our drawings! **Ask us all about it!**

We have continued to explore the story, 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We know the story so well we are able to retell it using lots of lovely expression and actions. We imagined that one day the boy opened his door and there was a different animal waiting on the doorstep. We then used our amazing imaginations to plan and write a simple adventure story, where the boy helps the animal find its way home before realising they weren't lost just lonely. We used brilliant pictures and key words to write our stories and were able to retell them with amazing expression and story language. **Ask us to tell you our story at home.**

In mathematics this week we have applied our knowledge of partition to begin to explore and investigate number bonds to 10. When exploring number bonds we encourage children to use full sentences to explain their thinking. E.g. "If the whole is 4 then 1 is a part and 3 is a part."

"If the whole is 4 then 2 is a part and 2 is a part." We had lots of fun investigating which pairs make a given number using numicon, blocks, ladybirds and playdough and finger painting butterflies. We have started to learn a number bonds song which will help us to be able to recall our number bonds for 10 by route. **Ask us to sing you our number bonds song.**

In P.E we had a great time playing lots of ball skill games. We focused on using the inside of our foot in order to do a 'push pass', trying hard to aim the football in the right direction. We were able to confidently move with the ball, using small touches to control and pass to our team mates. **Ask us to show you a push pass at home!**

We really enjoyed watching the Drama Club put on their amazing, 'Rocky Monster Show.' We were very proud of all our friends and have been singing the songs all week! **Ask us all about the 'Rocky Monster Show!'**

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> March

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 support.**

In Phonics this week we learnt the Phase 3 graphemes **ure er**. We talked about how 'er' usually comes at the end of a word, whereas 'ur' usually comes in the middle.

We are working extra hard to read and write Phase 2 and Phase 3 tricky words. We are very impressed with how the children are applying their phonics skills to their independent writing challenges!

# 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.