

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 8th February 2019

Week 5

We have had a fantastic and rather busy week in Reception class!

We have loved taking part in our whole school 'Friendship/Anti-bullying' week. We have really enjoyed learning about 'bucket filling' and have made it our mission in Reception class to be bucket fillers! As part of our bucket filling mission we learnt that **everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad.** We talked about how we could help fill our friends buckets by being kind, sharing toys, playing together and saying nice things. We also learnt that when you help fill up someone else's bucket you also fill up your own! We decided to make a class 'bucket book' sharing all the ways we are bucket fillers in Reception. **Ask us...Have you filled a bucket today?**

As part of 'Safer Internet Day' we talked about how we use the internet at school and at home. We talked about how we use the internet to find out information, to email family and friends and to play games. We also talked a lot about the importance of staying safe online. We know that we should always ask a grown up if we want to visit a new website and that we must tell a grown up straight away if someone we don't know sends us a message or tries to talk to us online. You might like to continue this discussion at home, focusing on the devices and websites your child accesses regularly.

In our whole school assemblies we have enjoyed listening to the story of Chinese New Year (zodiac) and learnt about some of the amazing celebrations held around the world. **Ask us all about Chinese New Year dance session with Eve!**

As part of Winter Wonderland topic we have started to learn more about the animals that live in the arctic. **Ask us...what animals live in the arctic? What is special about polar bear fur? How does an arctic fox stay warm? What is blubber?** We had a lovely visit from Claire and Lilly (Harry's mum and baby sister) on Thursday afternoon. Claire told us what it was like living in Lapland and how she visited Santa's post office! We would like to say a really big thank you to Claire and Lilly!

In PE we put our throwing and catching skills to the test when we played a simple game of tag rugby. We passed the ball along our team line and then worked together to score a try. **Ask us all about it!** Next week (weather permitting) our PE lesson will take place outside.

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our class assembly on Friday. The children have been so excited all week to share their learning and singing and dancing with you. They have made us all incredibly proud! Our buckets are well and truly filled!

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 13th February

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 20th March

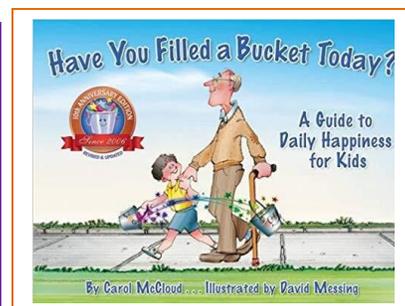
Wednesday 3rd April

Phonics

This week we have learnt the following Phase 3 vowel diagraphs; **ee oa** and the vowel trigraph **igh**.

We are very good at recognising our Phase 3 graphemes in isolation and we are now working hard to identify them in words. See if you can spot our new diagraphs in your reading books. We are also working hard to apply our knowledge to spelling. We are encouraging the children to sound out words carefully and use their sound mats to support independent writing. **You might like to practise spelling some words at home. Here are an example of some CVC words containing our Phase 3 GPC; feet, meet, goat, boat, light, fight, bath, sing, ring, shop, chip.**

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.