

Reception Newsletter!

Thursday 4th April 2019
Week 12

We can't quite believe another term is over. We have had a fantastic Spring term in Reception class and once again the children have astounded us with their amazing progress and enthusiasm for learning. They are ready for a well earned break!

This week we have enjoyed reflecting on all the amazing learning that has taken place this term...we have learnt all about life in the arctic, including what it is like for the communities that live there as well as finding out how all the animals keep warm. We know that we can use non-fiction books to find information and enjoyed discovering all about penguins and Antarctica. We have had lots of fun going on winter walks, playing in the snow, making our own snow, painting with ice and even building igloos! We can't wait to see where our learning journey takes us next term. On Monday we had a fantastic trip to Washington Wetlands. We spotted a bullfinch down in the bird hide and a saw a squirrel scampering around in the woods. We asked lots of questions at the otter and flamingo talks and had a very exciting time pond dipping. We caught pond snails and pond worms and looked at them on a large TV microscope. There were cranes and black swans and beautiful mallards too. The water play park was great fun and the weather perfect. Many thanks to the parents who came along; their help was very much appreciated. **Ask us all about Washington Wetlands!**

This week we have enjoyed learning all about Easter. We talked about how we celebrate Easter with our families and shared some of our favourite traditions. We listened to the Easter story and learnt about how Easter is celebrated around the world. **Ask us all about Easter!** We had so much fun designing and making our amazing Easter Eggs. The Reception staff were SO impressed with the children's amazing and very creative ideas. **Ask us all about our eggs!** We have also enjoyed taking part in our whole school celebrations to say, 'Thank you' and 'Goodbye' to the lovely Mrs. Gray. As much as we are going to miss her, we know she is going to love her new school and we wish her lots of luck!

Sharing Learning- Easter Holiday Challenges

We absolutely love hearing about your child's learning and experiences outside of school. All the information you send in is included in your child's learning journey and is used as evidence towards their Early Learning Goals at the end of the year. We have sent home a **holiday news** sheet which you may like to complete with your child over the Easter Holidays. We will share these as a class in the first weeks back.

We have also sent home our 'Learning at Home' template. We would love to hear about your child's Physical Development outside of school. Does your child go to a sports club? (Swimming, football, gymnastics.) Can you tell us about some of their achievements in these clubs? Does your child dress themselves independently? Can your child talk about ways to keep healthy and safe? (Including a healthy diet and road safety.)

We have also sent home some extra Phonics challenges for you to complete over the Holidays.

Our week in pictures...



We hope you have a wonderful Easter and look forward to welcoming you back into school on Tuesday 23rd April for our final term in Reception.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.