

# Reception Newsletter!

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Week 7

We've had a lovely week enjoying the autumn sunshine!

This week we have had lots of fun exploring autumn colours. We talked about the changing colours of the leaves, the blue and often grey sky and the colours of the autumn animals getting ready to hibernate. We then had a wonderful time using our knowledge of autumn colours to create some amazing autumn artwork. We collected sticks in the outdoor classroom and used these as our autumn paintbrushes! As we painted we discovered we could create different shades of red, orange and brown by mixing the colours. We even managed to create the most beautiful 'golden' colour. **Ask us all about it!** We have been making the most of our amazing conker collection (thank you once again!) and this week we really enjoyed painting with conkers! We put plain paper in a tray, added a few dollops of paint, placed 4 or 5 conkers in the tray and then had the best time tipping and shaking the tray. We beamed from ear to ear as the paint spread across the paper making the most amazing patterns, shapes and colours. **You might like to try this at home.**

After recapping what we have discovered about hibernation we decided to make sure all the animals had a safe place to hibernate this winter. We worked together to make a 'hibernation home' for toads. We remembered that toads like to hibernate in places that are damp so we worked together to dig holes at the back of the outdoor classroom and lined them with damp leaves and sticks. We wanted to make sure the toads new these home were for them so we made some super signs to put up on the fence. **Ask us to show you!**

In mathematics this week we loved sharing the story, 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab' (a counting by feet book.) This is a fantastic story which helps children develop their number sense as well as focusing on matching a numeral to a set of objects (quantity). After reading the story (several times- we really loved it!) we had a fantastic time investigating the different characters we could use to represent different numerals (counting by feet.) For example, when we looked at the number 6 we knew we could use an insect, but we could also use 6 snails or 3 humans. **Ask us all about it!** We also went on a mini number hunt around school. We couldn't believe how many numbers we found! When you are out and about this weekend you might like to see how many numbers you can find!

In our P.E session this week we practised our Indian dribble and our 'tap, tap, stop' dribble as part of our hockey sessions. Mr. Thompson couldn't believe just how much our skills have improved over the past few weeks. **Ask us all about it!**

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

*Please note the added date for December.*

## Phonics

This week we have learnt the sounds **e r h**. We learnt the sounds the letters make and the letter names. We have also been looking at the tricky words (words you cannot blend) **I** and **no**. We know that because these words are tricky we have to 'train our brain' to recognise them and read them fluently. We spotted the words in sentences and played a tricky words game on the Interactive White Board (IWB.) We have been working hard on our letter formation this week, especially when writing our names. **Ask us to show you at home.**

# 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.