

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 8th March 2019

Week 8

We have had the best time taking part in Brilliant Book Week!

On Monday we really enjoyed sharing the story, 'Blown Away' by Rob Biddulph. We had lots of fun making (and even flying!) our very own kites. **Ask us about the adventure the brave penguin embarked on.** Make sure you have a look at our lovely display in the EYFS corridor.

This week we have really enjoyed reading stories by one of our favourite authors, Oliver Jeffers. We think it's amazing that Oliver Jeffers is both the writer and illustrator of his story books. We especially love his story, 'Stuck' and every time we read it we cannot help but laugh out loud! We liked the story so much we decided to create our own story display. We had lots of laughs as we thought of new things Floyd could 'fling' in the tree, including an ice cream, an angry crocodile, a lonely penguin and a beautiful rainbow. We even had talk of throwing Ms Shepherd and Mrs McGray up at one point! We used our amazing ideas to write our own stories and worked together to act out the story using props in the outdoor classroom. **Ask us to tell you all about the story, 'Stuck.'**

On Thursday it was so lovely to welcome the children into school dressed in their amazing costumes! We really enjoyed sharing our costumes with our friends and talking about our favourite characters and stories. We spent the day making beautiful bookmarks, retelling our favourite stories, making comics and zig-zag books and sharing lots and lots of stories. We had a great time joining our friends in Year 1 and Year 2 for the World Book Day Big Quiz! Mrs Gray and Mrs Hamilton were VERY impressed with our knowledge of story books and our ability to work as part of a team. Ms Shepherd and Mrs McGray were very proud! In P.E this week we practiced controlling the football when passing. We learnt to control the ball with small touches and then how to use the inside of our foot to kick the ball. **Ask us to show you at home.**

It was so lovely to welcome so many of you into school on Friday morning. The children always enjoy sharing their learning with you.

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 20th March

Wednesday 3rd April

Phonics /Reading at home

Reading books will now be sent home on a Thursday and should be returned to school on a Tuesday morning.

Reading challenges will also be sent home on Thursday, we had a slight technical hitch this week and therefore reading challenges were sent home on Friday.

In Phonics this week we learnt the Phase 3 trigraphs **ear air**. We talked about how these trigraphs are also words when in isolation. We are very good at recognising our Phase graphemes in isolation and need to keep practising identifying them within words in order to blend independently.

When you are completing your reading challenges at home this week see how many of our new sounds you can find.

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.