

# Reception Newsletter!

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Week 4

We can't quite believe it is October on Monday! The children have had an amazing first month in Reception and we continue to be very proud of how they are transitioning into life at Broomley. This week we joined in with our first whole school assembly. We were so excited to receive a class Headteacher's Award for how well we have settled in Reception. Mrs Gray (our Deputy Head) was very impressed with our smart sitting, super listening and lovely big smiles!

This week we have really enjoyed exploring 'signs of autumn.' We were very excited to receive a letter from Percy the Park Keeper on Tuesday morning! Percy thought we might like to join in with his 'autumn hunt' and see what signs of autumn we could collect. We had a great time exploring the outdoor classroom, playground and forest school garden. The first sign of autumn we discovered was the cold wind on our cheeks! We also found yellow, orange and brown leaves scattered all over the ground as well as leaves high up in the trees that were turning yellow. We found ripe blackberries in the forest school garden as well as apples that had fallen from the trees. We collected as many signs as we could and added them to our 'journey sticks.' We have some on display on our 'Autumn' wall. In the outdoor classroom we had fun collecting fallen leaves and matching them up to our autumn colour cards. We then used the leaves to make beautiful autumn pictures!

**Ask us about the signs of autumn.**

In our mathematics sessions this week we continued to explore 2D shapes. We used our knowledge to play 'guess the shape.' We had to listen to clues (which included mathematical vocabulary) and work with our partners to guess the shape. We were so proud when we got them all right! We have also been exploring shapes through our play, including making shapes pictures (you can find these in our Learning Journey's) and making shapes with construction materials and playdough!

We had another fantastic P.E lesson this week. We were able to listen carefully and follow instructions during our warm up, which included moving around the yard in different ways. After playing with the hockey equipment on the yard we then came inside and practiced our ball control skills in the hall. We learnt how to move with the (foot)ball using small touches and how to stop the ball with our feet. Mr Thompson was very impressed and is already looking forward to our focused football P.E sessions next term!

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

December date TBC

## Phonics

This week we have learnt the sounds **p i n**. We learnt the sounds the letters make and the letter names. We have practiced forming the letters and used pictures to help read words. We have enjoyed going on sound hunts (looking for objects that begin with a given sound) matching pictures to initial sounds, making letters out of playdough and working together to blend simple words to read. **Ask us all about it!**

## Pine Cones

**Firstly, can we say a huge thank you for all the conkers you have sent in!** We have had a great time this week exploring conkers on our autumn table, using conkers and numicon to investigate counting, making transient art with conkers and sticks/leaves and adding conkers to our autumn cloud dough. We know October is just about to start but we are already thinking ahead to Christmas! We have a special Christmas craft in mind and in order to make it we need lots and lots of pine cones. If you happen to see any when you're out and about we would be very grateful if you could send them in. **Thank you for your continued support!**

# 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.