

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 2nd February 2019

Week 4

We have made a wonderful start to February in Reception class this week.

On Monday we read the story, 'Little Robin Red Vest.' We then went on a hunt for pictures of the animals in our garden and then we even decorated our own vests. You can see some of our lovely vests on our outdoor learning display board in the EYFS corridor.

We have really enjoyed discovering more about the people and communities that live in the arctic.

We loved learning about some of the Inuit traditions including their amazing throat singing. We learnt more about the food they eat and how they use animal furs to keep warm and create tents.

We loved finding out about different methods of travel, including kayaks, snowmobiles and our favourite...ask us what it is!

We have had lots of fun creating 3D artwork this week. We have used cotton wool and scrunched up tissue paper. We are thinking carefully about the materials we use in order to achieve a planned effect/design. We've added some of our work to our art gallery and winter display.

In our mathematics sessions this week we have been finding one more and one less than any given number (up to 10 initially and then beyond.) When discussing one more and one less it is important that children develop their understanding that when finding one more we are adding and when finding one less we are subtracting. **Ask us to show you our actions for one more and one less.**

We had lots of fun building large number lines with our number tiles and then using our + - dice to find one more/one less than our chosen number. We even began to look at how we could record this as a number sentence e.g. $5+1 = 6$. In our outdoor classroom we enjoyed working as a group to create a large number line and worked in pairs to match a quantity to a numeral. This activity was

lots of fun and reinforces our number sense and understanding of number relationships and patterns. We then used our number line to find one more and one less than a given number. **Ask us all about it!**

School Website If you haven't already you might like to have a look at our class section on the school website. From the main page if you go into 'classes' and then 'Broomley Reception' you will find key information about our class, including our curriculum overview and our 'learning at home' template as well as digital copies of our guide to supporting phonics and maths through play. We also have a class news section where you will find a photo album of our first term in Reception. It's lovely to reflect on the amazing progress that each and every child has made since our first day in September.

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

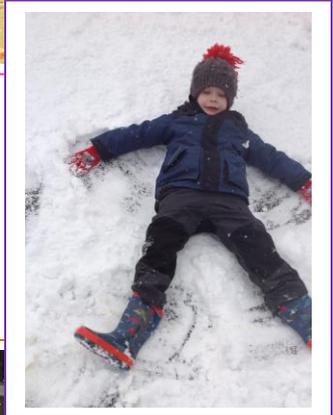
Wednesday 3rd April

Phonics

This week we have learnt the following Phase 3 consonant digraphs; **ng qu** and the vowel digraph **ai**. We have practised reading and writing CVC words, including **ring, king, song, quack, quiz, rain and pain**. We have enjoyed going on 'tricky word' hunts in the outdoor classroom and Ms Shepherd and Mrs McGray are so impressed with the children's tricky words recognition!

We have also been hard at work trying to read and write our key words. 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.