

# Reception Newsletter!

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

We can't quite believe we've completed our first half term in Reception. The children have made an amazing start to their time at Broomley. We have had a fantastic and spooky week in Reception class. We have really enjoyed developing our fine motor skills as we completed Halloween crafts. We made amazing spiders' webs, spooky paper lanterns, paper plate pumpkins and magic wands!

**Ask us all about it!**

On Wednesday we had a very special visit from Tommy Wanless (Sam's Uncle) who has written a lovely children's book called, 'Lola and Dex.' We really enjoyed listening to the story and predicting what might happen next on their adventure. We even helped tell the story using super actions! **Ask us what the story was about. Ask us who our favourite character was.**

On Thursday we were very excited to receive a letter from Winnie the Witch! Winnie and Wilbur have been working hard to make the perfect potion and they thought we might be able to help. Winnie sent us lots of different ingredients (frogs, spiders, bats, lizards and bugs) and told us that the perfect potion must have exactly 10 legs in it. We had a great time investigating the different ways to make 10 and recording our work using pictures and numbers. **Ask us about the perfect potion!**

On Friday we really enjoyed wearing Halloween costumes! In assembly we enjoyed learning about how Halloween is celebrated around the world as well as sharing some of our super Halloween crafts with the rest of the school.



*Information about 'Lola and Dex' by Tommy Wanless*

## Learning at home/ Half Term News

We absolutely love hearing about your child's fantastic learning experiences outside of school. We have sent home a Holiday News sheet that you may like to complete with your child over the half term. Your child will have the opportunity to share their news with the class as part of our circle times sessions in the first few weeks back and then their sheet will be added to their Learning Journey. It has been lovely to see 'Our Sharing Wall' fill up over the weeks. The children really enjoyed talking to their friends about their photographs. Please note this is just one format that you may like to use, feel free to send things into school in any format that works best for you.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## 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

## Phonics

This week we have learnt the sounds **u b f ff**. We talked about how 'ff' usually comes at the end of a word. This week we have been working hard to apply our phonic knowledge to writing simple words independently. We sound out the words carefully, 'c-a-t' counting out the sounds we can hear on our fingers. We then write down the sounds we can hear. Then we add 'sound buttons' (dots) under each sound. The sound buttons help us to check our work. If we counted 3 sounds on our fingers we should have 3 sound buttons. They also help us to read our words.

# Our week in pictures...



We hope you

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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours Faithfully,  
Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.