

Reception Newsletter

Friday 19th October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

In Literacy this week, we learnt the letter sounds 'h, b, f and l' and the tricky star word **l**. We have been busy checking the children's progress with their Phase 2 Letters and Sounds and we now know which sounds and tricky words they have been able to remember and what their next steps will be. We have now started to send home a handwriting book with your child for them to practise their letter formation at home. Each week there will be a new letter stuck in their book. This week we have been forming the letter t. Please encourage your child to say the letter formation rhyme which you will find at the top of your handwriting sheet, whilst using a pencil to form each letter. This will help them to remember how each letter is formed starting with a whoops in from the line and a flick at the end.

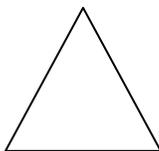
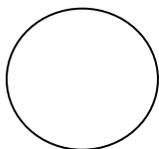
In Maths this week, we have been exploring the properties of 2D shapes and remembering the 2D shape names: circle, triangle, square and rectangle. We have explored the shapes by making our own pictures. The children carefully drew around the shapes and created their own robots, trains, houses, rockets etc. We discussed the shapes' properties and used vocabulary such as **corners** and **sides** and also looked at whether the sides are **curved** or **straight** in order to describe them.

Thank you to all those who attended the Literacy Information Evening on Wednesday. It was great to share information about the Early Years Foundation Stage and show the various different ways we carry out the reading and writing process. If you do have any more questions about any of the information that was given please ask any of the reception team or write it in the orange Home/School book and we will be happy to help. Please remember to accept the email from '2buildaprofile' which will allow us to send your child's Learning Journey to you every half term.

What a fabulous party we had yesterday! Thank you very much for all your party contributions which we have enjoyed using to decorate our classrooms into party themed areas. We had so much fun playing party games and making our own party food. We are still enjoying exploring our autumn theme and the children have helped to create an 'autumn' small world area in the classroom. We have discussed the changes we can see in the world around us and as the nights are getting longer and darker, we have talked about staying safe when we are out and about.

Please find a Parent/Carer handbook enclosed in your child's reading packet. Please read, sign and return the Parent/Carer ICT agreement by next Friday 26th October.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is: Naming and describing the properties of 2D shapes



If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to ask Mrs. Brook and she will ensure the Reception team are informed.

Many thanks

The Reception Team