

Reception Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

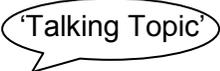
In Literacy this week, we learnt the letter sounds 'h, b, f and l' and the tricky star word l. We have been busy checking the children's progress with their Phase 2 Letters and Sounds and we now know which sounds and tricky words they have been able to remember and what their next steps will be.

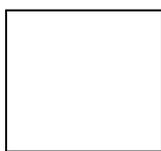
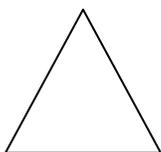
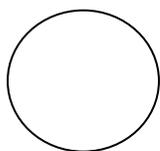
We have now started to send home a handwriting book with your child for them to practise their letter formation at home. Each week there will be a new letter stuck in their book. This week we have been forming the letter l. Please encourage your child to say the letter formation rhyme which you will 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 used the 2D shapes to build their own dinosaurs. 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.

This week we have been continuing our learning about autumn and have enjoyed sharing the story of the Gruffalo. 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 also talked about staying safe when we are out and about. Next week, we will be learning all about Diwali and how some people celebrate this festival with their friends and family. We will also be making our own food for our Diwali celebrations to enjoy with our friends.

Following on from our learning about autumn, this week's word of the week is: **hibernate**

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