



# WINHILLS

## Reception

### Fortnightly Newsletter

#### Busy learning

As always Reception have been extremely busy with their learning. They have continued the topic of Houses and Homes by learning all about castles. They have learnt new words to describe the features of a castle; their favourites were definitely 'portcullis' and 'battlements' which they enjoyed using as they built with the wooden blocks. The children experimented with different materials to print some castles and build thrones. They experimented with magnets to find the King's treasure and used the castle small world to create stories.

This week we have been learning about Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent. The children loved eating pancakes on Tuesday and discussed which toppings they liked to put on their pancakes. They then discussed what happens during Lent and if they could give something up for as long as forty days! The children have also been bird watching around the school grounds' finding and describing birds; creating bar graphs and writing about what they have seen. The red kite has definitely been popular!

#### Mathematics

In maths the children have been focusing on 3D shapes. They have learnt the names and properties of the different shapes and used their knowledge to build 3D shape castles. The children have been on a shape hunt around the school. Ask your child what shapes they can find around your house.

This week the children have learnt about ways to represent information. They have created pictographs showing which of their favourite story characters ate the most pancakes and how they know they are right.

#### English

The children have been writing some fantastic phrases and sentences in their pink books. They have been writing about what they would do if they were a king or queen for a day. The children have been applying their phonic knowledge to writing lots of lists—lists of rhyming words and shopping lists for pancakes.

In phonics the children have been continuing to blend the sounds they have learnt focusing on consonant blends, as well as beginning to learn the next set of sounds including /ar/ and /or/. They have also been reading simple sentences.

#### Reminders

We are really impressed with how confident the children are becoming with their morning routine, to encourage their independence we welcome you to drop your child off at the door.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle, coat and wellies in school with them at all times. The children will continue to have PE on Wednesday's, please make sure they have their PE kits in school and earrings are removed on these days.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**