## **Reception Autumn 2**

What a busy half term in Reception! We have had fun reading space stories and our favourite is 'The Smeds and The Smoos' by Julia Donaldson. We enjoyed finding out facts about the solar system and the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong. We have had lots of fun making and exploring shadows with torches.







The children are very keen to take part in their daily phonics lessons with Fred the Frog and have learnt so much this term. We are developing the skills to blend and segment sounds when reading and writing and have been taught 26 sounds!

In maths, we have furthered our understanding of numbers up to 10. We have explored the composition of numbers up to 5 and compared quantities. The children have enjoyed using numicon and are becoming more confident when using the five and ten frame to help with their mathematical understanding. We have sorted and compared 2D shapes and made shape pictures using circles, squares, triangles and rectangles.







We had a great time at The Urban Factory. The children took part in obstacle courses designed to improve their balance, coordination and teamwork. They also played games to improve their throwing, catching and kicking skills.





The children are very excited for Christmas and have enjoyed taking part in all the festive activities. We have loved receiving a new Christmas story each day delivered by our class elf and we have enjoyed making cards and letters in the Christmas themed message centre. All of the staff were incredibly proud of the children during our recent Nativity production which was a huge success! A great time was had by all at the Christmas party.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Reception Team. We look forward to seeing you all in January for another exciting term!

