

What is happening in Reception this week?

18th October 2021

Literacy



This week we will continue to act out and retell the story of 'The Little Red Hen' using our story map and actions. We will show you how well we have learned it on Friday. We will also make a new story map for story "The Enormous Turnip". In our phonics some of us will be learning our special friends; sh, th, ch, qu, ng and we will all practise blending sounds we know well. To help us, we will practise our 'Fred Talk'! Some of us will be using our Fred Fingers to spell some CVC words like hen, cat or dog.



Maths



We have been learning about number 6 and will be learning all about number 7 this week. We will explore different ways to show numbers 7 like fingers, Numicon shapes, spots on a dice, complete a ten frame with seven counters and spot number 7 on a number line. Last week we looked at some simple Autumn patterns, e.g. red leaf, orange leaf, red leaf, orange leaf. We will continue to develop our understanding of patterns this week as they can help us develop our reasoning skills.

Messages

As we will be making and tasting bread and leek and potato soup this week, please inform us if there are any allergies or concerns with your child having these.

This Friday is the last day of school before the half term break and Butterflies would like to invite you to come and watch us perform the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and sing Harvest songs in Silver Hall from 2.15pm. Afterwards, you are invited to come back to class with us and look at the things we have been doing since we started school. As there will be quite a few of us, we would like adults to wear a mask to keep us safe while we are inside - thank you!

IMPORTANT



Topic

This week, we will continue talking about 'The Colours of Autumn' including Harvest. We will talk about the changes that occur during Autumn like weather changes, and changes in what clothes we put on. We will have a look at an aerial image of our school using Google Earth and map where we went on our Autumn Walk last week. We will keep talking about harvest and how the farmer and different animals like the squirrels collect and store their food for the winter. We will make bread, just like the Little Red Hen and make some warming leek and potato soup. On Friday we will perform the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and sing the Harvest songs.

How can you help at home?

Please read to your child and practise sounds everyday using the set 1 green books or cards, out of order. Some children are finding it difficult to remember their sounds so please help your child by practising them daily. You can use the videos to help you! Please remember to record this reading of sounds in their diary. Please practise forming the sounds and provide plenty of opportunities for your child to develop their pencil control with colouring books, white boards, drawing, painting with a brush etc. They should write sounds in their green books once they have practised them so we can then see how well they have done.

This week's focused vocabulary (covered at school last week) Autumn, leaves, change, orange, yellow, red, brown, hedgehogs, squirrel, town, countryside, prepare, safety, sandwich, spread, order.

We are sending home suggested activities about 'number six' that you may want to do with your child to enhance their learning and understanding. Recognising numerals is something that we are working on at school so please take every opportunity at home to reinforce this.

Each week, on a Friday, the children will be able to select a book from class to bring home for you to read with them. They should return the book by the following Friday so they can select a new one to take home. We have sent home this week's sounds and some Fred Talk games and blending for you to do during half term so the children can practise their skills.

Thank you for your continued support, if you have any comments, concerns or questions, please call or email the school office. Either Ms York or Mrs Kalampaliki will contact you back.

Have a lovely week and a great half term!