

# What is happening in Reception this week?

30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Literacy



This week, we will be learning the traditional story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and making a story map to help us retell it. We will also read a book called 'Elmer'. This is a story about a multi-coloured elephant who realises how special and unique he is. We will talk about his character, the setting and how his feelings changed during the story.

In phonics, we will be revising the sounds we have learned that we are finding harder to remember. We are now in groups with other children at the same stage of reading as we are. We will all be learning sounds, practising oral blending and practising writing sounds in some words.

## Maths



Before the half term holiday, we focused on showing number 6 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore the number 7. We will count 7 objects, actions and sounds, and make 7 in different ways, e.g.  $2+5$ ,  $3+4$ ,  $1+6$  and  $7(+0)$ . We will also show 7 in different ways including Numicon, ten-frame, a tower and a dice. We will learn how to form the digit 7 using Ten Town. We will look at months of the year and keep practising days of the week.

## Messages

## Topic



This week, we start our new topic on 'Special Times, People, Places and Things'. Elmer is a very special elephant and is unique just like us! We are all special people and unique. This week we have Halloween and Bonfire Night. We celebrate these for different reasons. We will think about the bright fireworks in the night sky and the sounds they make. We will explore the differences between day and night (light and dark). We will also make a model rocket!

We hope you all enjoyed our Harvest Celebration and how well the children performed their story, poem and songs. Thank you for the kind donations you made. We have taken these to one of the local food banks to support our community. The video link will be sent home very soon.

The post-its you wrote for your child's learning journey showed us how proud you are of the progress they are making in their learning and how hard they are working. Thank you for these, we will stick these in their journals.

As we move into the colder months, please can you make sure the children have a warm, waterproof coat, ideally with a hood, and warm hats, gloves etc. Please name everything, including the gloves! If you can send in waterproof bottoms too (or an all in one), they will be able to access more of the playground on wet days. All the children still need wellies so they can use the wood chip area.

Please remember to return PE kits for our PE lessons on Thursdays. Can you also remember to take out earrings or tape them up. Thank you!

## How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for phonics according to their stage of reading. Some children are finding it difficult to remember their sounds and really need your help to practise them at home. Other children know quite a lot with just a few gaps but cannot yet orally blend. These children need help to practise their Fred Talk games at home (please see the links). Other children know most of their sounds and can orally blend. These children are just starting to read words and need to practise reading the words they are sent home. All children need to keep practising their sounds and orally blending. Try and get faster saying the sounds and start orally blending some 4 sounds words like stop, if they can do 3 sound words. Please keep practising writing the sounds and developing fine motor skills.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives!

You can support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning. We will also sometimes send home ideas to support our topic learning.



**Thank you for all your harvest donations!**

**If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York.**

**We hope you all have a lovely week!**