

# What is happening in Reception this week?

14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Literacy



This week, we will be retelling the traditional story of the 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will also read our non-fiction text about Autumn. We will listen to our new story 'Owl Babies'. This is a story about three baby Owls, left in their nest at night-time. We will talk about the characters, setting and what the problem is.

In phonics, some of us will be learning to say, read and write the sounds j, v, y, w, z, x but some of us may be revising some sounds we have already learned. We will practise forming each letter correctly and oral blending. We will start learning spelling with Fred Fingers.

## Maths



Last week we focused on showing number 5 with different apparatus. This week, we will be revising all our numbers to 5. We will count up to 5 objects, actions and sounds, and make our numbers to 5 in different ways, e.g.  $1+4=5$ ,  $2+1=3$ ,  $3+1=4$  etc. We will also start recognising 5 in different ways including Numicon, ten-frame, a tower and a dice. We will practise forming our numbers to 5 correctly and revise some shape names we have looked at.

## Messages

## Topic



This week we will be building on our knowledge about Autumn and going on an Autumn Walk—hopefully on Tuesday (weather permitting). We will use our senses to see if we can spot signs of Autumn at school. We will collect leaves and other things we find and talk about the textures of them. We will draw pictures of the plants and animals in our environment and hopefully see some squirrels! In class, we will use clay to make a model of a hedgehog.

We have our Harvest Celebration Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in Gold Hall. The children will perform a retelling of the Little Red Hen and sing some Harvest songs. Any food donations will be gratefully received and passed on to our local foodbank. Please complete the online form to book your places.

You will be invited into the classroom afterwards to see what the children have been learning. We will ask you to write a Post-it note about their learning to go into their journal.

We are hoping to go on our Autumn Walk this week. If your child doesn't have wellies at school, please could they bring in a pair in for the walk. Please also make sure they have a coat with them.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, we will be thinking about Diwali. This is the festival of lights which is celebrated by different religions including Hindus and Sikhs. We will be having a short workshop.

We have a phonics meeting this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October — to go through the next part of the reading learning journey.

## How can you help at home?

Some of the children are remembering their sounds well, others are finding it more tricky. Please help your child by practising all the sounds they have learned daily at home. If they are having problems, use the picture side to help them and the sound links. Remember to record this in their diaries. Please also practise forming each letter correctly using the sound phrase (green book) and the sheets sent home with each new sound. They can then write these in their green books.

Please use the RWI links for sounds and oral blending to help your child. They will play Fred Games and practise blending sounds together. These are as important as learning their sounds and they cannot read until they mastered this. Please use these to support them, especially if your child has been absent to help them learn missed sounds and read and share stories at home.

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.



## Our Learning

**If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki, Mrs Spiers or Ms York. We hope you all have a lovely week!**

