

## Literacy



This week, we will be retelling the traditional story of the 'The Little Red Hen' and reading another traditional story about 'The Enormous Turnip'.

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, will be learning to say, read and write the sounds e, l, h, r, j and revising the sounds we have already learned. We will practise forming each letter correctly and oral blending.

## Maths



This week, the children will look carefully and use the language of comparison to describe sets of objects that they can see.

Language is a key focus and the children will use the language of 'more than' and 'fewer than' to describe how many objects there are in each set. 'Fewer than' is used rather than 'less than' because the focus is on countable things.

We will vary attributes such as colour and size to draw attention to the numerosity of the set.

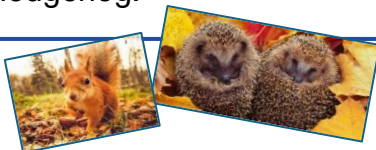
## Topic



This week we will be building on our knowledge about Autumn and Harvest.

We will read a non-fiction book together all about Autumn. We will be thinking about changes we can see in Autumn. The weather is getting colder, and sometimes wetter and windier.

We will start thinking about the animals in our environment and how they are getting ready for Winter. The squirrels are storing food, just like we do at Harvest time. Hedgehogs are getting ready to sleep through winter. We will also use clay to create our own hedgehog.



## Messages

Thank you for joining us for parent meetings last week. If you were not able to make it, please contact your class teacher to arrange a convenient time.

We have our Harvest Celebration next Thursday 16th 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.

Please continue to help your child develop their dressing and undressing skills at home so they can change independently for PE.

## How can you help at home?

Some of the children are remembering their sounds well, others are finding this more difficult. 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 word blending 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. Please read and share stories with your child.

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 Griffin or Ms York.  
We hope you all have a lovely week!