



Reception Newsletter w/b 21st September



We have had, as always, a very busy week in Reception. We are currently focusing on our sharing, turn taking and listening skills. We have spoken a lot this week about using kind hands, kind feet and kind words. It may be that your child is feeling very tired this week - there is a lot of structure and routine to get used to in school and it is often very different to what the children were used to in Nursery/Pre-school. We are reiterating daily, the need to listen to adults and peers and take on board different ideas before making a decision. We hope you have a relaxing weekend ready for another week of busy learning!

This Week...

Our phonics sounds this week have been p/i/n - you may want to recap these at home. We have started to think about blending two letter words such as: as, at, in. Blending is a tricky concept to get our heads around and takes a lot of practise to perfect! As before, I fully recommend this website for assistance in blending:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

We read the story 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly' and thought carefully about the colours used to describe the items. We then started to create our own pages, some of us even extended to writing the initial letter for each word.

In Maths, we looked at different representations for the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We used dominoes to try to count the spots and see how different numbers could be made in different ways.

In RE we thought about Harvest and used our safety knives to create a fruit salad. This was also a great time to reiterate good hygiene.

PE

Our PE sessions will remain on Tuesday and Friday - please send your child in their PE kit for that day with trainers.

Next Week...

We will be looking at sounds m/d/g/o and thinking of the words that have these as initial sounds. We will then try to blend simple two letter and sometimes three letter words.

We will start our work on autumn and looking at how our environments change during this season.

In RE, we will carry on our work about Harvest by looking at the way our environment gets ready for the animals of the world.

In Maths, we will be digging a little deeper into the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and start to explore circles and triangles.

We will also be exploring our 'Message Centre' this is an area where we can start to communicate with mark making, inspired by Greg Bottrill who is a super EYFS leader.

Homework

- Everyone now has reading books and we hope that you are finding 5/10 minutes a day to read the story and answer questions.

- Please start to look at signs of autumn - you may want to collect some items to share with the class. We will be putting an autumn board outside the gate - please add any items in a clear bag by using the pegs. We will then use these in class. This could be photos, items from the environment etc.