

RECEPTION AUTUMN 1

Reception have enjoyed a very busy first half term. One of our first activities was to take a walk and look for signs of Autumn. We loved playing in the Autumn leaves and singing the Autumn Leaf song.



We love to sing especially about 'Mrs. Wiggle and Mrs. Waggle' and we are so good at singing our Nursery and Number time rhymes.

Our "Home Corner" role- play has been a very popular area, and has afforded lots of writing opportunities- especially shopping lists, as well as helping us learn about healthy foods and "treats". The Dinosaur Den has also proved very popular and the children have used the non-fiction books in the den to find out facts about Dinosaurs.

In maths the children have been working with numbers to ten- we've played number line games and worked with the Numicon. We have counted and sorted animals and beads and camels! We have also worked on the concepts "one more", "most" and "least" and on numeral recognition. We were also very confident when ordering our play dough pumpkins – largest to smallest!



The children are also working very hard in phonics. This half term's new "sounds" are below.

New sounds- m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k,

New Tricky words – I the you (these words are non- decodable which means we can't sound them out and so need to learn them on sight.)

It would really help your child if you could practise these sounds, and build words with them, at home. Ask your child to teach you the formation for each sound. Remember if you join our google classroom all the sounds we have covered so far have an accompanying video. Keep those reading torches alight over half term – we are off to such a good start!

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We've enjoyed listening to and writing lots of stories. Stories about Peppa Pig have become a class favourite. As well as 'The Gruffalo', 'and tango makes three', 'Big Red Bath' and 'Room on the Broom.'

The children have been involved in lots of creative activities- we have painted our portrait using colour mixing, We have also colour mixed to paint lots of fabulous artwork. We looked at artwork by Monet and created our own 'Waterlilies' artwork. The children have made lots of different models in the creative, play dough, water and construction areas.



A visit from the school nursing team. We learnt about healthy eating, oral hygiene and good hand washing techniques.

And lastly, we really enjoyed finding out what is inside a pumpkin!



Looking forward to Autumn 2: The children will be continuing to use quality stories as a stimulus for their writing as well as introducing story characters. In maths we will be continuing our work on numbers to 10 and will be introducing addition of single digit numbers. We will also work on comparisons of length, and height and 2d and 3d shapes. And of course Bonfire night, Divali and Christmas will all be used as reading, writing and maths opportunities.

Please remember an overview of the Reception yearly curriculum is also on this website.