



Reception Newsletter



Friday 5th October 2023

We have enjoyed another fun and action packed week in school, helped so much by the beautiful weather. The children have been working hard and are continuing to settle and make new friends. Wellbeing is super high and our room has been full of smiles and laughter.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the EYFS workshop on Thursday, I hope you found it informative and useful. A reminder that our next workshop will take place on Thursday 19th October at 2.00 – 2.50pm. This meeting will focus on Reading. We are hoping to start sending reading books home before half term and this meeting will give some ideas of how to support your child with reading at home. If you are unable to attend, I will post any relevant information on our class page on the school website.

What have we been up to this week?

- We have enjoyed reading the story of The Gruffalo this week. We drew pictures and thought about our favourite part of the story. We learned the Gruffalo song and thought about cool words to describe his features. We used our fabulous maths skills to count and sort the correct number of purple prickles on the Gruffalo's back.
- The Gruffalo showed us some interesting 'treasure' he found when walking in the forest. This led to an investigation about autumn leaves. We went on a leaf hunt around our school and found lots of different autumn leaves. We used our creative skills and made beautiful autumn trees. These are now on display in the classroom – please pop in to have a look at our fantastic art work.
- The children are bringing home an autumn treasure bag, for a small task to be completed at home (instructions on the bag). Please check your child's book bag for these. Can you please return bags by Friday 13th October so we can examine and discuss all the lovely treasure.
- We are taking part in our annual Cauliflower cards project again this year, hopefully you will have received a letter about this already. The children will be bringing home their Christmas card design next week with instructions of how to order the prints. Please note, this is optional.
- The children received their flu immunisations on Thursday and the school nurse reported that the children (and Honey Bear) were super brave.

Phonics

This week we have learned these sounds: **g o c k**

We have learned to recognise the tricky word **is**

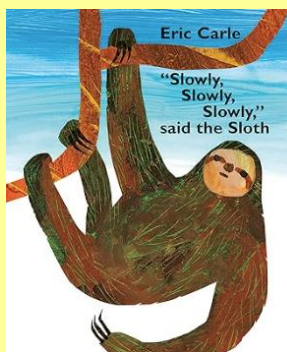
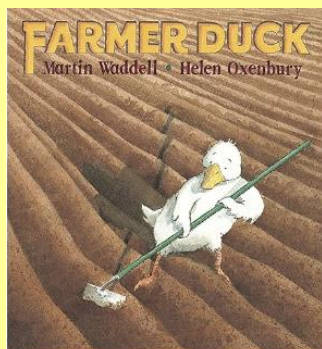
Please refer to our class page on the school website for more information about phonics. We will discuss in detail our approach to teaching phonics and reading during the reading workshop on Thursday 19th October.

Next week we will be...

- Continue with our learning about autumn.
- Exploring the story of the Gruffalo's Child.
- Learning the sounds **ck e u r**
- In maths we will be matching, sorting and comparing.
- Learning that God loves me and I am part of a family.

Recommended Books and Rhymes

(Some of the books we have been reading this week)



Reminders

In Service Day

- A reminder that Friday 6th October the school is closed for our MAT in-service day.
- As discussed in the meeting today, we would love some help with our weekly washing bag. We are looking for a weekly volunteer to take a small bag of washing (towels, painting aprons, soft toys etc.) on a Friday. Class reps will be organising a rota soon.
- We would be very grateful of donations of conkers. These are a fantastic resource for counting and physical development. Spread the word, the more the merrier!
- We are also looking for donations of pumpkins for an autumn/harvest display. We would appreciate lots of variety in size, shape and colour if possible.

Have a lovely long weekend