

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 12th October 2018

Week 6

We've had another wonderful week in Reception!

We really enjoyed reading the story 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. We read the story lots and lots of times and by the middle of the week we were able to retell the story using the most amazing expression, actions and even some dramatic noises! **Ask us to tell you about the main characters (Cat, Squirrel and Duck) and their job when making the pumpkin soup.** We had fun working in teams to sequence key events from the story and even used our fantastic phonics skills to write key words. We also used our knowledge of the story when making our very own mud soup in the outdoor classroom! We took on the roles of the different characters and made sure everyone had a special job to do. **Ask us all about our mud soup!** We were so excited when a parcel arrived on Wednesday! Cat, Squirrel and Duck heard we had been reading their story and they sent us our very own pumpkin to explore and investigate! We had the best time opening it up, getting our hands stuck in and getting very, very messy! We used some amazing describing words when exploring the pumpkin, from 'slimy' and 'smooth' to 'bumpy' and 'yucky.' We loved pulling the seeds out and talked about how we could plant them in our garden and grow our very own pumpkins! **Ask us all about our pumpkin!** Later in the week we used our fantastic phonics skills to help Cat, Squirrel and Duck write a shopping list for their pumpkin party. We selected the objects to put in our shopping basket and worked really hard to sound out (segment) the words, using our fingers to help count how many sounds we could hear. We then used our sound mats to write down the sounds we could hear. **Ask us what we put on our shopping list.**

We have had the best time exploring all the new (and amazing!) resources in our outdoor classroom this week. We just love singing songs on the stage, investigating number bonds with our abacus, digging and building in the gravel pit, and reading stories on the story chair. It was so lovely to welcome so many of our families into school on Friday to take part in our Harvest Festival. We have enjoyed learning about Harvest Festival and talked about how it is celebrated around the world. We were very proud of all the children's amazing singing!

Wow Wednesday Dates

Wow Wednesdays provide an opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journey. **They are held between 8.30-8.50am on the following dates:**

Wednesday 17th October

Wednesday 14th November

Wednesday 28th November

December date TBC

Phonics

This week we have learnt the sounds **k ck d**. We learnt the sounds the letters make and the letter names. We talked about how 'ck' usually comes at the end of a word. This week we have started to play 'quick write' in our Phonics sessions. *You may like to play this at home with your child.* To play you call out a phoneme (sound) and then your child has to write the corresponding grapheme (letter) as fast as they can. You may also like to swap roles or use a timer to see how many sounds you can get through in 30 seconds.

Our week in pictures...



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.