

## Week Beginning 19.10.20

- This week our focus story has been *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson which the children thoroughly enjoyed, especially joining in with the repeated refrain '*the witch tapped the broomstick and whoosh, they were gone*'.
- This week in phonics we have learnt to recognise 'o' (all around the orange) and 'c' (curl around the caterpillar), whilst continuing to work hard at blending and segmenting with some new words.
- Some of the children are getting very, very close to achieving their bronze rocket certificate so please continue to practice this over half term.
- We visited forest school this week to find the perfect stick to make the perfect wand... I hope no one gets turned into a frog over half term!
- Keeping with the Halloween theme for this week, the children have been getting more practice developing their fine motor skills by cutting and sticking pumpkin faces.
- They have also been getting messy and sticky with spooky biscuit decorating!
- If you haven't seen the link on the website about reading in Reception please have a look in the Early Years section of the website. This has valuable information on how you can help your child read at home.
- After half term the weather will undoubtedly worsen, and therefore, for the children to be able to access all areas of the outdoor environment we ask that the children bring in a pair of wellies to be left in school till the end of the year.
- It's been a long first half term for the children but they have settled really well and thoroughly deserve their week off!

Enjoy the holidays!

The Reception Team