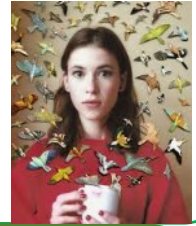




Friday 6th October

A super week in school. Both classes are very settled and it is lovely to see so many smiles in the mornings. The Colour Monster has been a very powerful book to use with the children and to encourage them to talk about different emotions. The children have also loved looking at and recreating art work in the style of Ben Giles...



## Phonics

We are so pleased with the progress that the children are making in Phonics. We have now introduced the letters s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c and k. The children have been taught how to correctly pronounce these sounds as well as how to form them. They have been blending and segmenting 3 letter words using these letters. For more information on blending please watch the video on <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



## Reading

The children have continued their group reading in school with a new book. They have read a book in a group 3 times with adults and will be bringing their book home today. Please share the book with your child 3 more times. The intention is that the children will become fluent while reading this book so that they can read it without blending each word individually. This may also involve them reading from memory. They can change their **Star Book** as often as they wish.

**Mathematics** We have had a super week exploring repeating patterns, We have looked at all sorts of patterns, including patterns made with sounds, shapes and colours. Some children have been able to explore patterns made with 3 different things.

Next week we will begin our Its Me, 123! theme in Maths. We will be looking at the numerals that represent the numbers as well as physical and visual representations. The children will discuss the relationships between groups of 1,2 and 3.

We have lots of exciting things happening in school this week:

**Tuesday**—Individual photos (school uniform must be worn)

**Friday**— Harvest Festival (for children only). Please send in tinned food / packets of dried food as a donation for New Starts in Bromsgrove. Thank you



## Individual Photos

These will take place during Tuesday 10th October. Children should wear correct school uniform (not forest school clothes). Photos of sibling groups will be taken too. Because of photos this week, we will not do Forest School sessions but we will take the children on a nature walk instead once photos have been taken.

## Forest School clothing

The children did very well with getting ready for their first Forest School sessions. Please continue to encourage independence by practicing putting on and taking off their waterproof clothing at home as this will help us be ready faster and spend more time outside.

## Toys at school

A gentle reminder that toys and teddies are not allowed at school. We do not want precious things being lost or damaged. We have had some children finding it hard to come in in the mornings and say goodbye to their teddies so we ask that these stay at home.



Give me a big smile that shows your teeth. Press the middle of your tongue to the top and back of your mouth and push your tongue down and forward to make the sound **g g g**

Round the goat's face, up to his ear; down and curl under his chin.



Make your mouth into round shape and say **o o o**

All around the octopus.



Open your mouth into a little smile, make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say **c c c**

Curl around the cat.



Open your mouth into a little smile, make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say **k k k**

Down the kite, up and across, back and down to the corner.