

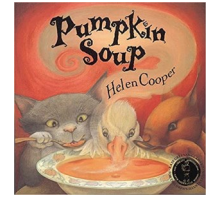


# Reception Newsletter



Friday 13th October

We have had an incredibly busy week in school with photos and our harvest festival. Our theme for next week is Pumpkins. Next week we will be making 'friendship soup' on Wednesday. Please can every child bring in just **one** vegetable to put into the soup on Wednesday.



## Phonics

We have introduced our first digraph ck, as well as the graphemes e,u and r. The children have been working hard, learning to write them and using them to blend and segment words such as, c-u-p and s-e-t.



## Reading

Thank you so much for supporting the children with reading at home.

This week the children have been reading a new book in group reading time which they will be bringing home today. Please share this book with your child **3 times over** the next week and then send it in to be changed on Friday. Remember, they should be able to read it mostly by themselves having practised it in school. If your child reads the book 3 times during the week, they will get a sticker for their sticker chart.

## Mathematics

We have begun our 1,2,3 It's Me! theme in Maths. This unit introduces the children to the numbers 1,2, and 3. It explores different physical representation of the numerals and corresponding amounts. We also begin subitising, this is the very important skill of looking at small amounts and knowing how many are there without the need to count. This will continue next week as we move away from physical representations (this is called 'concrete') to visual ones (pictures of quantities). This is called the CPA approach to learning.

Next week both classes are back to having **Forest School on Tuesday**. Please send your child into school in warm, outdoor clothing and waterproofs in a named bag.

Friday 20th October is **Empty Classroom Day** where all children will spend the day doing outdoor activities. Please send your child in warm outdoor clothing and a waterproof coat, not their **PE** kits please. We will still do PE on this day, but we will do it outside instead.

### Labelling clothing

A polite reminder to please ensure clothing is labelled. The children regularly remove jumpers and cardigans throughout the day and these can easily get muddled up.

### Outdoor area

We kindly ask that you supervise your children in our outdoor classroom area before the start of school. We have noticed some children using the resources and activities before the school day which results in staff having to tidy and reset areas before the children can enjoy them and before we have had an opportunity to properly explain and model the tasks.

### Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' evening appointments can now be booked online for 10 minute appointments in school during the final week of this half-term.



c k

c Curl around the heel of the sock. k Down the sock, up and back down to the toe.



e

Around the elephant's eye and curl down its trunk



u

Down and around the umbrella, and back to the ground.



r

From the cloud to the ground, and over rainbow