



Friday 20th October

What another great week at school! The children have enjoyed getting outdoors in their 2nd Forest School session. The children have loved exploring our pumpkins this week as well as helping to prepare our friendship soup. A big thank you to all who donated vegetables for our soup making. A reminder that parents' evening appointments are next week. Appointments are in school and 10 minutes each. Next week we will be carrying out our initial phonics and maths assessments to check which key facts and sounds the children have retained so far.

Next week is **arts week** and we will be working with Jon the Potter on Thursday on a new clay creation for the school. Please come to the big playground at the front of the school on Monday and Tuesday morning (before school) to do some BIG DRAW art with Mrs Dwyer—on 'drawing with our senses'.



Phonics

This week we learned 4 new sounds: h, b, f and l. We are already seeing amazing progress from the children in phonics lessons and in writing tasks as they begin to apply their phonic knowledge within the classrooms.



Reading

Today the children are bringing home their new reading book which we have read together in groups in class. Please read with your child at least 3 times during the week so they can build up their confidence blending their sounds together to form whole words.

Thank you for supporting the children with their reading at home by sharing Star books alongside their reading books.



Mathematics

This week we have explored shape and position focusing initially on identifying the features of triangles and circles. Afterwards, we explored position language to describe where objects are in relation to each other using words such as: in, under, in between and on to describe position.

A reminder that both classes have forest school on **Tuesdays**. Please send children in warm clothes **and** waterproof clothing to wear on top in a named bag. There will be no PE next week due to next Friday being a TED day and school is closed for half term.

Named clothing

We are regularly ending our days with unnamed jumpers and cardigans. We also have had some named items of clothing going home with the wrong children. Please can you check to see if you have any named items of clothing from other children in the class and return them to school. Thank you

Morning Dropoff

Another reminder to please encourage your children to not play with the activities that have been prepared for the day before school begins. This allows us to properly demonstrate and model the activities to the children and helps us avoid needing to reset activities during the day.

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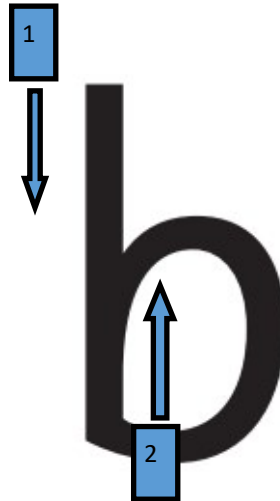




Down, up and
over the
helicopter



Down the
bear's back, up
and round its
tummy



Down the
flamingo to it's
foot, then
across its
wings.



Down the
lollipop.

