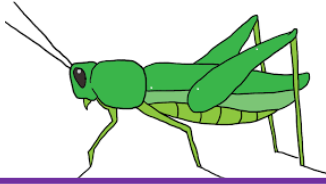


# Reception Newsletter



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Our school values

### We promise to be...

**Respectful** (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and Caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners)

### This week

**Math** – We have been learning about **more and less**. We have been using this language to describe quantities and also about saying what is 1 more or 1 less than a given number.

**Expressive art and design** – We represented the fireworks the children may have seen on the weekend using some different **medium** such as chalk and crayon on black paper. Some great fine motor control to create different shapes and patterns.

**Understanding the world** – We read a story called ‘Pumpkin soup’ where 3 characters work together to make some pumpkin soup. In reception we worked together to **scoop** out the **seeds and flesh** from a pumpkin and then learnt about the **claw grip** when **chopping** the pumpkin with a real knife.. We made soup as well as roasting the seeds and everyone had a go at tasting both the seeds and the soup. The roasted pumpkins seeds were very popular – cinnamon sprinkled seeds were more popular than salt or sugar.

### Next week:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> is Diwal - **Hindu festival of light – Diwali** and we will be learning about this traditional festival. We will be making our own diya lamps out of salt dough. We will start some emotional literacy learning using ‘parts of me’ – more information next week

### Phonics

This weeks **phonemes** (sounds)

**u** (as in **up**) “down and under, up to the top and don’t forget the puddle.”

**e** (as in **egg**). “cut the top off and scoop out the egg”

**r** (as in **rat**). “down the back leg and up over his tail”

**h** (as in **hot**). “from the start to the finish line and have a sit down” (flick)

**High frequency words** – *get, can, up*

**Tricky words (common exception words)** – *I, a, no, go, the, is, to, into*

### Ideas for home

Have a go at chopping a piece of fruit or a vegetable with a real knife and using the claw grip to be **safe**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVJUD>

### Dates for the diary:

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** - parent’s evening (face to face only)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Children in need (letter sent)

### Other bits:

**Reading books** – A letter about our reading routine expectations was emailed out on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. Children brought home their own reading book and reading record. There is also a video on Tapestry to support reading at home. We will start sending home a library book next week.

*Reading books - return to school on **Mondays**  
New reading books and library books -home on **Tuesday***

*\*\* words in red are new **vocabulary** that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child’s language development\*\**