

Reception Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in Literacy, we have been learning the sounds **g, o, c** and **k**. As both the letters 'c' and 'k' make the same sound, we differentiate between them by using different actions. When we write the letter 'c' we think of a curly caterpillar and for 'k' a kicking kangaroo. We have also blended to read and segmented to spell words, such as: pig, cap, kit, cot, and cat. This week's high frequency word has been '**and**'. We will continue to learn more new sounds next week.

The children are doing very well with the Jolly Phonics scheme; please keep practising the sounds at home. Once they have become familiar with the action, you can help them by covering up the picture so that they can only see the letter. They need to become confident at instantly recognising the letter shape and being able to say the sound that it makes e.g. s = "sssss" not "suh". In addition to this, we have begun to learn the High Frequency Words (HFW) that children need to be able to read, by sight, by the end of Reception. This week's words are: **in, at, is, it, an, as**.

In Numeracy, we have continued to practise counting and have tried to match the correct amount of objects to a given numeral. Next week, we will be working on number recognition and order using number lines whilst introducing the children to the mathematical language of more and less.

In topic next week, we will be continuing our autumn focus. If your child would like to bring in any autumn collections such as conkers or pinecones for our investigation area, they are welcome to do so. As the dark nights are starting to close in, we will also be thinking about staying safe when out and about.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in items for our 'Harvest Appeal'. All of the donations will be going to our local charity 'SmartMove', which helps to support individuals and families in the Calderdale area that are without sufficient food/housing. **If you have any unused items such as tinned food, pasta, rice, soap, shower gel, shampoo that you could donate, please do so as we are still collecting.**

Throughout the Reception year, we will be tracking each child's progress and development. This will enable us to create a learning record which is personal to your child. At different times throughout the year, you will be asked to contribute to this record, in order for us to have a holistic view of your child. This week we have included some questions about your child's physical development to help us gain a better insight into your child's abilities at home, what they can already do and what they need to practise more of. Your contributions to your child's learning are invaluable and will help us to focus on any specific areas for development in school.

This week's  is: "What happens in autumn?"

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to ask Mrs. Brook.

Many thanks

The Reception Team