

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in Literacy, we have been recapping the sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d** and learnt our new sounds **g, o, c** and **k**. Your child should now have a sound book for them to practise recognising the sounds as they see them. Each sound comes with a picture, a pronunciation phrase and a formation phrase to help them to form each letter as they begin to learn to write. Developing instant recognition of the sounds at this stage is important as this is how they begin to learn to read and will soon be blending the sounds together to read words. More information on teaching and learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage will be given during our Reception information evening on the 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Make sure you save this date in your diary if you can and we look forward to seeing you then.

In Numeracy this week, we have been working practically with numbers up to five, counting our conkers, pine cones and leaves and recognising numerals. When we count an object, we ask the children to touch it or move it as they say the number. This helps them to count accurately. We have also been practising recognising amounts of objects (1, 2 and 3) without actually counting and developing their instant recognition of an amount. We learnt the rhyme 'Don't count, say the amount.' Next week, we will continue to practise counting and identifying who has the most or least objects.

In our topic work this week, we have been learning about the season of autumn and enjoyed looking for signs of autumn and what this means. We enjoyed exploring autumn on our autumn walk around the school grounds and explored with clay as we made our own clay hedgehogs.

Throughout the next half term, we will be starting our enquiry learning 'Festival Fun and Super Celebrations.' Please find attached an Enquiry Learning question sheet and return this to school next week.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is: I can tell you about the changes taking place in autumn.

Following on from our autumn learning, this week's word of the week is: **autumnal**.

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to write them in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks

Miss Mason, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell