

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

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 18<sup>th</sup> October at 5:45pm. You can book for this evening on Arbor. 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 learning that we can compare and order objects by size. We practised using the mathematical language 'big', 'little', 'large' and 'small' as the children were encouraged to describe what they could see. Once the children became more confident in describing what they could see, we used more specific language such as tall and short when describing the height and long and short when comparing the length. The children then enjoyed working in groups to have a picnic with the 3 bears to sort the items in the picnic box between the small, medium and big sized bears. Next week we will be learning how to compare objects by their mass. We will be introducing new mathematical vocabulary and learning how to use the balance scales.

In topic this week we have been learning about staying safe within the school community, online, out of school in public places and at home. Next week, we will be learning about the season of Autumn, finding out about animals that hibernate, making hedgehogs using clay and sharing the story of the Gruffalo. Thank you for all your autumn collections so far. If your child would still like to bring in any items such as conkers or pinecones for our investigation area, they are welcome to do so.

**Our class reader books this week:** The Golden Rules big books



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 remember and talk about how to stay safe.**

Following on from our learning this week about our golden rules, this week's word of the week is: **safety.**

**Date for your diary:** Reception parents' information evening on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 5:45pm.** Please book your place on Arbor.

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