

Reception Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

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 folder 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.

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. We have enjoyed sharing our big Golden Rules books.

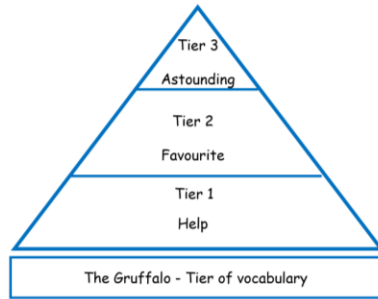


Next week, we will be learning about the season of Autumn, finding out about animals that hibernate and making hedgehogs using clay. Thank you for all your autumn collections so far. If your child would still like to bring in any items such as conkers or pinecones for our investigation area, they are welcome to do so. Next week we will be exploring the signs of autumn in our local environment. We will be taking the children out to Woodhouse Park during the afternoon sessions in small groups of 10 and will return back to school before the end of the day. Please ensure that you give your consent on Arbor for your child to take part in our learning.

Our class reader this week is: **The Gruffalo**



Here are the key words below that we have been exploring with the children this week during our class reader sessions.



Throughout the next half term, we will be starting our enquiry learning 'Festival Fun and Super Celebrations.' Please find an Enquiry Learning question sheet in your child's reading packet for you to fill in and return 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:

Safe

Thank you for coming to our Reception information evening on Tuesday. We hope you found the information useful and have gained some good ideas of how to best support your child with their learning at home. If you have any questions following our information evening, please don't hesitate to ask.

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

Many thanks
Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell