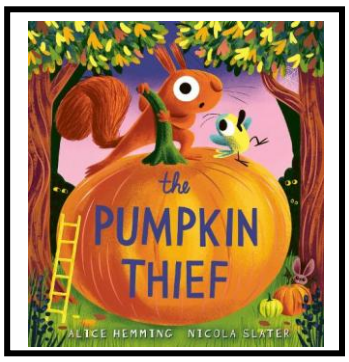
Mrs Madden's Class News
Friday 16th October 2026

We began the week with our '**Learn with Me – English**' session, giving families the opportunity to join us in supporting the children's learning. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you!



Our focus text this week has been **The Pumpkin Thief** by Alice Hemming.

We have been learning to identify the **front cover**, **back cover**, **author**, **illustrator** and **blurb** of a book. It has been lovely to see the children sharing their knowledge at home through Tapestry and hearing how they are practising with their families!

The children have also been busy learning to **draw a pumpkin** step by step, **painting pictures** of pumpkins, **matching initial sounds**. We have been practising **subitising** too – recognising how many objects there are without needing to count them individually.
Alongside this, in **Phonics**, we have been learning the sounds **e**, **u**, **r**, **h**, **b**, **f** and **l** over the past two weeks.

It was lovely to catch up with you all after school this week and share how well the children have settled into the new term!

Next Week…

- We will learn the last set of Level 2 phonic sounds '**ll**, **ff**, **ss** and **/s/ saying z**'.
- We will be exploring **number composition**, learning how smaller groups can be combined to make a number, such as finding different ways to make 5 using objects.

Dates for the Diary

- **Half Term** – Break up Thursday 22nd October
- **INSET (Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils)** Friday 23rd October
- **Return to school** – Monday 2nd November

Many thanks for your continued support, have a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Madden ☺