

Reception Newsletter

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Reception Newsletter – Autumn Term

What a wonderful week we've had in Reception! The children have been busy learning through play, exploring autumnal changes, and showing great curiosity and creativity in all, they do.

This week in Greg Bottrill's Drawing Club, our inspiration came from the story Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper. The children loved meeting the characters — Duck, Cat, and Squirrel — and talking about their personalities and how they work together. We explored the setting of the story, noticing the cosy cabin in the woods and the autumn colours all around.

The children then used their imagination to think about what else the animals could make instead of soup — there were lots of wonderful ideas, including pumpkin pie, pumpkin cake, and even pumpkin pizza! They have all used their phonic knowledge to write code words.

Making Pumpkin Soup!

To link with our story, the children had the opportunity to make their very own pumpkin soup this week! They helped to scoop out the seeds, chop the pumpkin, and stir the mixture before tasting their delicious, homemade soup. The classroom was filled with autumn smells, and the children were so proud of their cooking. We talked about how it's important to work together, just like the characters in the story.

In phonics, we have been completing our assessments and recapping all the sounds we've learned so far this term. The children have worked very hard to show what they know and to practise blending sounds to read simple words. We are so proud of their progress and determination.

Our Phonics scheme has a Parent Portal <https://parents.fft.org.uk/>

Here you will find information to support your child's learning. There are books you can read but please try not to read ahead of where your child is up to in class. The passcode to access the reading books is.

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This week, in maths the children built on their subitising skills. They continued to use perceptual subitising — instant recognition — by saying the number of sounds that they could hear, such as claps or drumbeats, without needing to count. They were encouraged to look closely at small quantities and observe whether the quantity had changed or only the arrangement.

How You Can Help at Home

Practise recognising and saying letter sounds.

Encourage your child to draw and tell stories, just like in Drawing Club.

Cook together and talk about the ingredients and steps — it's great for language and maths!

Spot numbers around you when out and about.

AWARDS



Every week, the staff look out for those children who are just that little bit extra special in the current week to award them one of our Achievers Certificates. It might be for lots of effort, fantastic presentation, super learning behaviour, lovely manners, being extra helpful or just that bit more determined than the others to finish their work accurately. They might be an outstanding all-rounder.

Achievers

Jack C

Sienna

This week, our awards go to

VIPs

Jack H

Elio



