St John Fisher CPS
Reception Newsletter

Week beginning 12th October

THIS WEEK IN RECEPTION

🌟 Another Fantastic Week in Reception! 🍂

Can you believe we have reached our last full week of the half term? Where has the time gone?! It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming the children through the doors for their very first day of school. We are incredibly proud of how well everyone has settled into Reception life, embracing our routines, building friendships and growing in confidence every single day. It has been wonderful to watch!

Firstly, a huge well done and thank you to everyone who has taken part in our Reception Scarecrow Competition! 🌾 We have been absolutely blown away by the creativity and effort that has gone into your wonderful creations. We will be judging all the entries on Monday, and we certainly have a very difficult job ahead of us!

We began our week with another exciting adventure in Forest School, where we enjoyed the very special experience of toasting marshmallows over a campfire! 🔥🌳 The children were fantastic at listening carefully and learning about the importance of fire safety, making sure we knew how to keep ourselves and others safe. There were certainly lots of happy faces as we enjoyed our delicious treats!

Back in the classroom, we have been very busy with our storytelling. After all the excitement surrounding the Gingerbread Man, we worked together to rewrite the story of The Gingerbread Man, using our imaginations and remembering the different characters and events. 🍪 However, we have also welcomed a brand-new story into Reception – The Leaf Thief! 🍁🐿️ The children have absolutely loved meeting Squirrel and listening to his hilarious confusion as he tries to work out who has been stealing his leaves! We have had the children in absolute hysterics, and it has been lovely to see them so engaged and excited about a new book.

In Maths, we have been exploring the number 5, looking at the different ways we can make and represent it. We have also discovered something very exciting – 5 and another 5 makes 10! 🔢 The children have enjoyed using their fingers, practical resources and different representations to develop their understanding of numbers.

Our Read Write Inc. phonics learning has continued at a fantastic pace too! This week, we have introduced another five sounds: f, e, l, h and r. 🔤 The children are becoming increasingly confident at recognising sounds, blending them together to make words and reading more CVC words independently. It is wonderful to see their hard work beginning to pay off as they take these important first steps towards becoming readers and writers!

As we approach the end of our first half term together, we just want to say how incredibly proud we are of every single child. They have already achieved so much, and it has been a real pleasure watching their personalities shine through.

One more week to go, Reception – let's make it another brilliant one! ❤️⭐

IDEA FOR THE WEEKEND

Can you work as a team to create a leaf picture! Leaves could make people or animals. Try to find the most colourful leaves the wind has stolen.

IMPORTANT DATES

19th / 20th October Parents Evening
21st October Halloween Disco - please think carefully about costumes!
21st October break up
2nd November return to school

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Superstar

Smile

Dojo

Scarecrow competition