Reception Autumn 2 newsletter

What are we learning?

This half term our topic is Autumn and Celebrations

- Our Key knowledge will be learning about Autumn. How the weather gets cooler, and it gets darker earlier.
- During autumn time, most leaves start to change colour and some leaves fall off trees and they eventually become bare.
- During autumn time some animals, such as hedgehogs begin to hibernate until the warmer months
- Squirrels collect nuts and hide acorns underground to eat during the winter months
- To understand what a celebration is: Diwali and Christmas

Maths

In Mathematics, we are looking in detail at the numbers 1- 3.
To be able to subitise
To represent numbers in different ways
To be able to say one more and one less.
To explore the composition of numbers 1-3

Tapestry

Thank you to parents who have commented on observations, and uploaded things on to tapestry. It really helps us to see your child's development and what they enjoy doing. Please continue to use Tapestry to contribute to your child's Learning journey.

Phonics

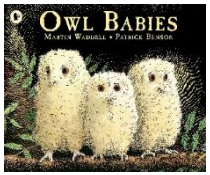
In phonics we will continue to learn and consolidate **phase 2 sounds and tricky words**. Please see below.

We are building fluency when blending sounds for reading and segmenting sounds for spelling.

Literacy

In literacy the children will be developing their skills through Drawing club. This allows them to develop their imagination, vocabulary and story telling skills as well as building their early writing skills and confidence.





Physical development:

Children will continue to develop gross motor skills through balancing, coordination, climbing and movement activities, while fine motor skills will be strengthened through mark making, cutting, threading, manipulating tools and developing pencil control.

Reading

Each child will be home with a reading pack following our reading and phonics session on 5Th November. Please spend time to read with your children. Support from parents and carers with reading at home is so important to a child's development.

Your child's book change day will be written on the front of their reading diary.

Reminders

*Please label all belongings in a permanent marker.

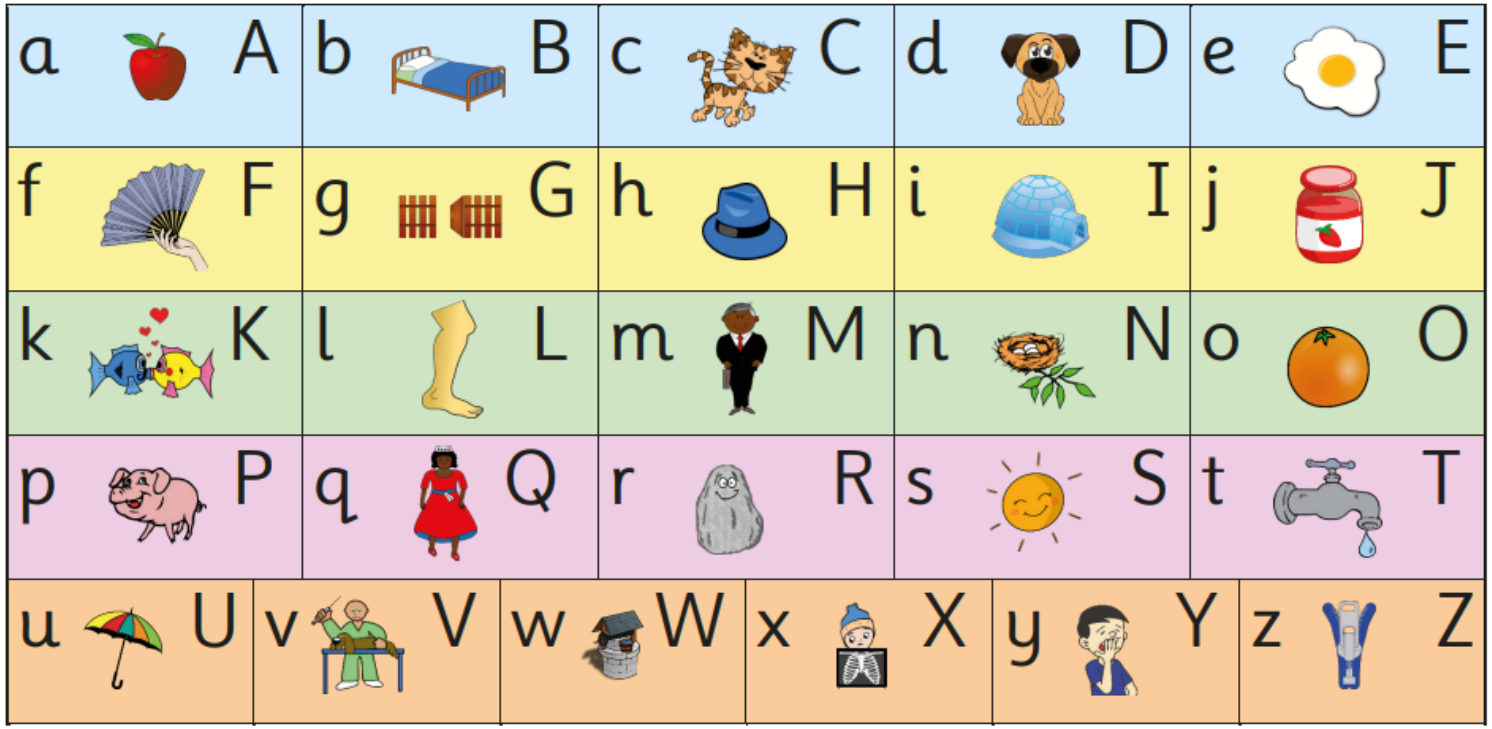
*Please read with your child and ensure they bring their book bag in on their allocated reading day.

***PE day** will continue to be on a **Friday**.

*Phonics workshop for parents- **Thursday 5th November 3.10- 4.00**

*Animal takeover session **Tuesday 10th November.**

Phase 2 phonemes



PHONICS

as	the	is	I
go	no	his	has
to	of	into	Phase 2 Tricky Words

Learning at Home

Literacy

- Provide your child with lots of opportunities to write their name or to label familiar objects.
- Please continue to practice letters and sounds with your child at home. The correct pronunciation of the phonic sounds can be found on the school website on our reception page.
- Support your child to form letters correctly.
- Read with your child every day and help them to practice the high frequency words and phonemes in their word pouch.

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Mathematics



- Continue to play games that use dice.
- Reciting numbers as you are walking or climbing stairs.
- Finding shapes in the environment.
- Challenging your child to give one more or less than a number.
- Baking with your child and encouraging them to count out, weigh and compare ingredients.
- Asking your children to order numbers and ask them questions such as which number is next? Or which number is smaller or larger?

Learning through technology

There are many fantastic and some free apps available for iPads and smart phones that are a fantastic way to make learning fun. Here are some suggestions to support your child's learning.

Funbrain Jnr. – *Reading & Maths*
Alphablocks – *Letter recognition*
Cbeebies Storytime – *Reading*
Bugs & Numbers –*Range of maths games*
Phonics play

Don't forget we are here to help and support you and your child. Please don't hesitate to speak to any member of the Foundation staff and inform us of any worries or concerns.