



# Reception Newsletter



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

I can't quite believe that we are approaching the end of the first half term at school. This week the children have enjoyed learning all about autumn. This is such a beautiful season to explore as it brings a wealth of language opportunities. Please take time to talk with your child when out and about and let them amaze you with all their knowledge and understanding of the season.

We are looking forward to our second EYFS workshop next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00. This meeting will focus on Reading and supporting your child at home. Please see attached Little Wandle letter regarding our teaching of phonics and reading at school.

## What have we been up to this week?

- We started our week reading the story of The Gruffalo's child. We looked closely at the illustrations and made charcoal drawings just like those found in the Gruffalo cave.
- We loved sharing and talking about our bags of autumn treasure – what a wonderful range of nature we had. We examined and described the treasure and then used non-fiction books to find out what our treasure was called.
- We explored colour mixing by making funky handprint hedgehogs.
- We took advantage of the beautiful sunshine earlier in the week and got out our solar powered water sprinkler. We used our science brains to work out how it actually worked and tested our ideas by making shadows to block the light.
- In maths we have been learning about sorting into sets and describing the sets.
- The school photographer took our pictures on Tuesday and we can confirm that all children had beautiful smiles.
- I hope you all loved your child's cauliflower card design that was brought home this week. A reminder that orders need to be placed online before half term and all artwork needs to be returned to school by 30<sup>th</sup> October (in time to be sent to the printers)

## Phonics

This week we have learned these sounds: **ck e u r**

We have learned to recognise the tricky word **l**

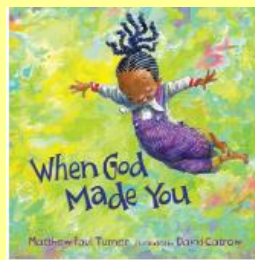
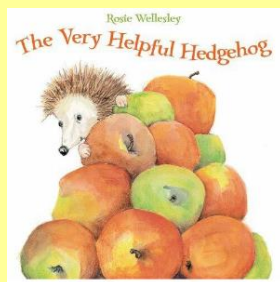
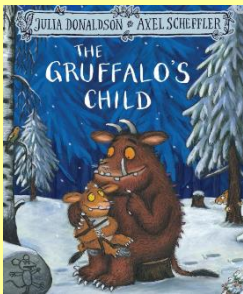
The children will be bringing home a copy of Autumn 1 sounds next week in order to practise over the half term break.

## Next week we will be...

- Continuing with our learning about autumn with a focus on harvest.
- Reading 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert and creating artwork using real leaves.
- Exploring the story of 'The Scarecrow who didn't Scare' by Neil Griffiths
- Learning the sounds **h b f l**
- In maths we will be talking about measure and patterns

## Recommended Books and Rhymes

(Some of the books we have been reading this week)



## Reminders

- We are still collecting pumpkins / squashes in a range of sizes and colours please.
- We are also collecting baskets of any shape or size. As discussed in our welcome meeting, we are trying to create a more 'natural' feel to our classroom. Examples include...



- Thank you to the lovely mums who have set up our class washing rota, this will really help us out.
- Next week is our last week of the term. School closes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for one week.

**Have a lovely weekend!**