



Our Week



Can you believe that we have now been at school for a whole half term? It has been a wonderful start to our school journey. Below are some of the things we have done this week. Your child might like to tell you a little more about a few of these:

- We went on an Autumn walk and drew and labelled pictures of all of the signs of Autumn that we found. Here is a song we have been learning <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xXvVvAFEQQ>
- We read the story "The Enormous Turnip" and discussed what happened in the story. We used actions to re-tell the story. Can you ask your children to see the actions?
- We also used pictures to re-tell the story and we challenged ourselves by having a go at writing the characters from the story.
- In R.E we talked about how God made the world and each one of us and how we must look after ourselves and each other
- In Phonics we learnt the letters and sounds sh, th, ch and z. We are trying so hard to blend letters to read simple words (Fred Talk). This week we learnt that two letters together that make one sound is called a 'special friend' (digraph).
- In maths we learnt about 1 more and 1 less.
- In PE we completed our topic on ball skills
- In Funky Fingers we continued to practise our fine motor skills by making pumpkins out of playdough, cutting around leaves, colouring Autumnal pictures, practising our letter formation and using tweezers to carefully pick up pom poms and place them onto shapes.
- This week we became artists. We used oil pastels to draw real life vegetables. We were so creative.

Notes for parents

- On Monday 4th November please send your child in with a clean glass jar with a lid.
- Today your child will be coming home with their third reading book. They will have these books for a week and be changed every Friday for now. Please read at least 3 pages of the book daily with your children. These books are used to help your children identify the sounds and with their blending. Please could you remember to write a short note in their reading record book.

- They may need reminding of the sounds so here is a video to help you remember how to say them correctly. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIn6PpV1G1I>
- Here are the set 1 flash cards your children will be learning. http://www.stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk/docs/year_groups/eyfs-home/set_1_flashcards.pdf
- This is a link to how to help your child read at home https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2017/09/20/10/19/37/449/rwi_RPhO_PIB1.pdf
- Please can you send only **one** healthy afternoon snack in the children's book bags. They do not need a separate bag to carry them in. They keep their snacks in their trays so the snack needs to be small
- Please can the children **not** put their water bottles inside their book bags as they can potentially leak and damage any letters or books inside

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 8th November open books from 3.15- 4. This is a great opportunity to come into your classroom and look at your children's wonderful learning.

15th November school disco

Have a wonderful and restful half term. From the Reception team 😊