

# Reception Newsletter



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Our golden promises

### We promise to be...

**Respectful** (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy ), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners ) **Ambitious** (be the best you can be)

### This week

This is the last newsletter of this half term. In maths this week we have continued to look at sorting using different criteria. We used our good observational skills to notice differences and similarities of colour, shape, size, features and the children have come up with lots of different ways of sorting different objects. In phonics we have been exploring rhyme and we made a 'silly soup' of rhyming words and played an odd one out game. Each time the children needed to listen to the rhyme in the words which is found in the sounds at the end of the word with only the beginning sound being different (e.g **cake**, **rake**). As part of our understanding the world learning, we went on an autumn work and found lots of autumn treasures such as conkers and conker husks, different coloured leaves, fungi, squirrels). We talked about the 4 seasons and how the weather and the environment around us changes. In our outdoor area, many children used the large sorting tray to gather and sort autumn treasure.

### Next week:

A short week but action packed none the less. We will continue talking about the story 'Pumpkin Soup'. The story is about 4 friends who work together but then fall out. We will use this story to learn about friendships, what makes a good friend and how we can manage our friendships when they may not go smoothly. What can we say to friends to fix these problems? In 'Pumpkin soup' the four friends make pumpkin soup, so we shall do the same and make our very own pumpkin soup too. There will be more pumpkin fun as we put our physical and fine motor skills into practise using a pumpkin, some hammers and some nails! The children have been earning some 'golden nuggets' for great team work this half term so we will reward ourselves with a little treat to celebrate hitting the target.

### Ideas to explore at home:

Talk about the seasons. Can you think of things you do in summer, Spring. How different are they from the autumn and winter seasons?

Can you make a rhyming string? Start with a word like cat. How many rhyming words can you think of (mat, bat) they can also be silly words (lat, dat).

### **Other bits:**

- ❖ Reading books – a new library book will come home on Friday (if the previous one has been returned). If you have finished with the library book, please return it to us no later than the following Tuesday. We are required to 'rest' the books for 72 hours before sending them out again. On Monday we will send home a grey story telling book. Books will be changed on a **Monday and a Friday only**.
- ❖ Jumpers and cardigans – we are starting to gather a few jumpers and cardigans that are unnamed. Please check to see if your child has their full set of uniform and *please* name your child's clothing.
- ❖ Spring Bulbs – a letter was sent out about sponsoring a spring bulb to raise some money. We would really appreciate your support with this.
- ❖ Chatterboxes - We have loved looking through the chatterboxes and listening to the children confidently talk about their interests and experiences. Chatterboxes will be coming home on Wednesday with a half term challenge for the children to fill their chatterbox with. More information will be included in the chatterbox.

*Have a great weekend. The reception team*