

# Reception Newsletter



Friday 22nd October 2021

## 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)

### This week

As we have been observing the autumn season and harvest over the last few weeks, we read the story of the Little Red Hen. We used a story map to help us sequence the beginning, middle and end of the story and to help us re-tell the story without the book. The story has lots of words and language that repeats and this helped us memorise the story. We added some actions and the children enjoyed re-telling the story through the week. In the story the little red hen bakes some bread so this inspired us to make some bread of our own at the end of the week. All the children had the opportunity to mix the ingredients, watch the bread rise, bake it and eat it. Yum! We discovered something rather lovely in our outdoor area earlier in the week – a hedgehog, curled up and fast asleep in the leaves by our wellies. We really enjoyed looking at him and wondering more about him. This led us to share what we know about hedgehogs and what we wanted to find out. We used the internet to research about hedgehogs and found out some amazing facts about them. Some children were inspired to make some simple hedgehog homes to look after these lovely creatures, throughout their hibernating winter months. In Phonics we have been learning about rhyme. We have played lots of games to match up rhyming words and have enjoyed listening out for rhyming words in different

### After Half term

We will continue our focus on autumn by exploring all things pumpkin! We will be reading a new story called Pumpkin soup, a story about friendship, working together, turn taking and sharing. This story might also inspire us to get cooking again too! To help celebrate Bonfire night, we will find out about Guy Fawkes and we will also learn about how to stay safe by following the fireworks safety code.

### Dates for the diary

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Reception curriculum meeting for parents (via zoom)

### Ideas to explore at home

Find some books at home or sing some songs and spot the **rhymes**. Which words rhyme? How do you know they rhyme? Play a rhyming string game. Start with 'cat'. How many words can you rhyme with cat?

### Other bits:

**Reading books** – Please watch the video on Tapestry to find out more about how to use the 'grey' story telling book that your child is bringing home. These books can be changed on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**. Please **sign** the reading record book for the book to be changed.

**Chatterbuckets** – The contents of all chatter buckets have been sent home. Some items may still be on display in the classroom. These will be returned at a later date.

**Curriculum meeting and chatterboxes** – please see the additional information sent home today (by email and in the book bags)

**Miss Matthews** – We said good bye to Miss Matthews today as she leaves for a new adventure. We will miss her but wish her the best of luck on her travels.

*Have a fun and **restful** half term break. The Reception team*