



Friday 17th October

What another great week at school! The children have enjoyed getting outdoors in their first Forest School session. The children have loved exploring our pumpkins this week as well as helping to prepare our friendship soup. A big thank you to all who donated vegetables for our soup making. A reminder that parents' evening appointments are next week. Appointments are in school and 10 minutes each. Please enter school via the main office area and make your way to your child's class. We will invite you in when we have finished with our previous appointment. While you wait, you can explore our floorbooks to see what we have been getting up to in classes each week. Next week we will be carrying out our initial phonics and maths assessments to check which key facts and sounds the children have retained so far - we will discuss these during your parents' evening appointment. Next week is **arts week** and we will be working with Jon the Potter on a new clay creation for the school.



## Phonics

This week we learned 4 new sounds: e, u, r as well as our first digraph ck. A digraph is where 2 letters work together to make 1 sound. Digraphs do not have a formation rhyme as they are made up of graphemes (letter shapes) that the children have already learned.



## Reading

We are already starting to see good progress with the children's blending—do please try to practise the words in your child's pack as often as you can and record when they're practised in the yellow reading record for stickers.

## Mathematics

This week we have explored two very important rules of counting: ordinality and cardinality. These rules help children remember the correct order to count numbers in as well as teaching them that the last number counted is the total. Next week we will be exploring how to compose numbers to 5.

A reminder that Forest School waterproofs need to come into school on your child's Forest School day and also return home the same day. A named bag for your waterproofs really makes organizing the children much easier and gives us more time to explore in the forest. Please also practice taking shoes off and putting them back on again with your children—this is a really important step of independence that will benefit the children to be able to do by themselves.

A happy Diwali to any and all families celebrating either at the weekend or on Monday 20th itself. If you are able to take any pictures of your celebrations, please email them in to your class teacher so we can explore your celebrations together. We will be exploring the festival in class next week with lots of fun activities but any lived experience within the class really helps bring the festival closer to children who have never experienced it before!



Please can you support the staff by discouraging your children from getting out and playing with the resources in our outdoor classroom at the beginning and end of the day. The children work with us to keep resources organised and tidied up each day - Thank you!

If your child has a packed lunch at school, please help us to encourage healthy eating at school by not sending sweets in your child's lunchbox—Thank you!

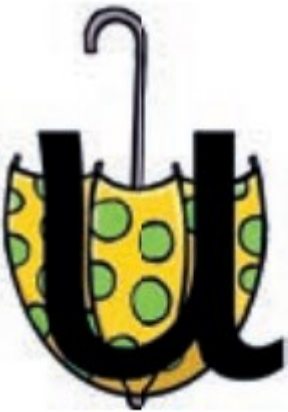


ck



e

Around the elephant's eye and curl down its trunk.



u

Down, around and up the umbrella and back to the ground.



r

From the cloud to the ground, and over the rainbow.