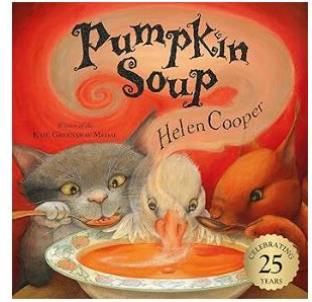


Term 1 topic- Who am I?

Our Book of the Week: Pumpkin Soup



Personal, Social and Emotional Development – This week in our PSHE Jigsaw session, our theme was 'Our Rights'. We played a game 'Who took the honey pot?' before discussing whether it is OK to take someone else's things without asking them first. We know that we have a right for our things and ourselves to be safe. We also took the time to consider our school rules and values – being ready, safe and respectful. We know that we have school rules to make sure everyone is safe and can enjoy their learning when at school; we know that if we do not follow the school rules this can disrupt the learning of others or make activities unsafe. We know that being an Andy Ant, means we can learn and play in a manner that keeps us all safe and happy. We have practised these values through our play, ensuring that we take it in turns when playing with resources, sharing if we see a friend wanting to join in, and making sure that all our voices and opinions are listened to respectfully.

Communication and Language – After listening to our story of the week 'Pumpkin Soup' we explored a large pumpkin and thought about the language we would use to describe it. What did it feel and look like on the outside? How did this compare to what the pumpkin felt like on the inside? We didn't all expect the pumpkin to be so squishy and slimy, however, some of us recalled our prior experiences of pumpkin carving and how it can be tricky and tough to cut through the flesh of the pumpkin initially. We enjoyed getting messy and had lots of conversations that followed.

We continue to practise using our 'thinking thumb' when we wish to share an answer or ask a question.

Physical Development – This week we have played with the pumpkin and pumpkin seeds, using our hands and fingers to pick out the seeds and hollow out the fruit. We have continued to strengthen our hands through Dough Disco and Squiggle, threading beads onto pipe cleaners, placing pegs and making patterns and continuing to cut and scrunch up leaves. We have also been busy playing with construction using Lego, Interstars and blocks. Have a look on our Class Dojo Stories and the website to see some of the fantastic things we have made!

Literacy – We are learning lots of new sounds to help us to begin reading and writing. The children have enjoyed learning three new sounds this week, 'o', 'c' and 'k'. We have played Fred Frog games and we are getting very good at putting sounds together to make words, for example, 'c-a-n, can' during phonics sessions. We especially enjoy using phonics cards and objects to teach each other in 'choosing' time. We have been practising our letter formation using chalks outside and also doing water painting. We continue to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and share them with our friends.

Mathematics – We have continued to practise counting in 1s to 10 and back down to 0, recognising our numbers to 10, forming our numbers correctly and showing the

correct number of fingers when asked. This week we were learning to count up to 5 using 1-to-1 correspondence, to make sure we do not count an object more than once. We know that when we count this way, the last number we have counted to, represents the number of objects we have in front of us.

Understanding the World – We have enjoyed exploring seasonal vegetables this week and making our own version of Pumpkin Soup. We are enjoying our French lessons where we are continuing to practice counting to 10 in French, and we are becoming more confident at understanding colours in French and remembering the names of some animals too.

Expressive Arts and Design – This week our focus has been on our Design Technology project. We considered what our soup would look like, and designed the packaging we could put it in. We used our knowledge from soup we may have at home, or when we go shopping, to know that soup could be in a carton, tin or plastic container. We have continued to make autumnal pictures, this week cutting and scrunching dried leaves to glue to the outline of a tree. These looked really effective, and everyone enjoyed getting a little messy. We also enjoyed printing with cut up fruits and vegetables, and making an autumnal collage.

Supporting learning at home

- Can you play 'I spy.... using the phonemes (sounds) we have been learning?
- Why not make some soup at home?
- Continue to practise oral blending, "put on your c-oa-t".
- Practise recognising and writing all the sounds learnt so far.
- Practise writing numbers to 10.

Have a look at the photos of the children learning through play...

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Notes for week beginning 20.10.2025

- **Remember Friday 24th October is an inset day.**
- **Please make sure that coats, water bottles and book bags are in school every day, all labelled with your child's name.**
- **The disco is taking place on Wednesday 22nd October. Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay.**
- **Please sign up for a parent's meeting with your child's class teacher on either Tuesday 4th November or Thursday 6th November.**

Have a nice weekend!