

**Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 7.10.24**

**Term 1 topic- Who am I?**



**Our story of the week- "The Enormous Turnip"**

**Can you believe we are almost at the end of term 1 in Reception? What a busy and exciting first term it has been! We have enjoyed teaching and learning so much together.**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development-** We have been continuing to develop our listening skills as we learn and play together. We are remembering our class rules to ensure we are Ready, Respectful and Safe. We have also been concentrating on sharing toys and taking turns with our friends as we play together. In Jigsaw this week the theme is 'Being me at School'. This week we chatted about our hands and what we use them for and we talked about how important it is to have kind hands when we are at school with our friends.

**Communication and Language-** We enjoyed chatting to each other about the story this week and have been sharing lots ideas with a partner during maths sessions on the carpet. We know we use a 'thumb' if we want to answer a question on the carpet or share our ideas, rather than shouting out.

**Physical Development-** To help develop our fine motor skills we have enjoyed exploring play dough, making finger print autumn pictures, using scissors and making patterns. We have also been busy cutting and sticking in the making areas and using various building and constructing toys. Dough Disco is great fun to help us strengthen our fingers for writing. We are also enjoying squiggle whilst you wiggle where we practise our gross motor skills. In PE this week we are developing and applying footwork and one leg balance through songs and games. When we are outside we love building obstacle courses to challenge our balance and agility and we are learning to use sports equipment correctly. We learnt how to use hockey sticks this week and know that you have two hands on a hockey stick and keep it pointing down.

**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, 'n', 'p' and 'g'. We have played Fred Frog games and we are getting very good at putting sounds together to make words, for example, 'g-e-t, get' during phonics sessions. We especially enjoy using phonics cards and objects to teach each other in 'choosing' time. The children have really enjoyed our story of the week and have enjoyed singing the Enormous Turnip song. 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 talked about more and less and counting slowly and carefully to check. We also talked about size and weight, using vocabulary such as small, largest, heavy, lighter, heaviest.

**Understanding the World** - We continue to spot many changes in the world around us and we are noticing more leaves on the ground, showing so many different signs of autumn. We have loved exploring all the different Autumn items on our 'finding out tables' and we have especially enjoyed sharing all the different items that you have found and brought in to share with the class. We enjoy using the smart board and completing activities on the Purple Mash website. We practise our number and letter formation on the board every day.

**Expressive Arts and Design** - We were very busy on the art table again this week. We made a turnip picture using various media and got very messy using handprints for the leaves. We used pastels to draw a scene from the story have also enjoyed printing with different vegetables. We are not only creative at the art table, but we are also still enjoying our role play and our independent 'making' areas!

### **Supporting learning at home**

- Challenge the children to count. How many bananas in the fruit bowl? How many fingers on everyone's hands in the family?
- Can you play 'I spy.... using the phonemes (sounds) we have been learning?
- Can the children spot any signs of autumn as you are out and about? If you find any autumn objects do bring them in for us to put on the finding out table.
- Why not make some gloop at home. Just mix cornflower and a little bit of water and see what happens.
- 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 14.10.24**

- Remember Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Please sign up for a parents evening slot online, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.
- The disco is taking place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 3.30 – 4.15pm. Just fill in the slip and bring in £2.

**Have a nice weekend!**