Reception Newsletter



Safe Brave Kind



Friday 20th November 2026

Our school rules

We promise to be…

Safe (is keeping our bodies safe, keeping other people safe, keeping things safe, keeping ourselves safe and keeping our learning safe.)

Kind (is sharing and taking turns, caring for others, helping someone, using kind words, looking after things)

This week we have…

- Been making bread like "The Little Red Hen." The children followed the instructions to make the bread and then ate them…but the children shared them, unlike the Little Red Hen.
- Been thinking hard in Maths to find one more and one less than a given number, and also to look at the composition of numbers to 3 (how they are made eg. 2 and 1, 3 and 0 etc).
- Learnt about the Hindu Festival of Light, Diwali. We have explored how Hindu families celebrate and have made Rangoli Patterns in COOL Time.
- Begun to read the story "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper. We have made predictions about the story and have thought about the characters and what makes a good friend.

Next week

We will continue to read "Pumpkin Soup". We will also be busy creating our products for parents to buy at our school Christmas fair, on the 2/12/26. It's also our theatre trip on Friday!

At home

Please keep practicing putting on coats, zipping zips and changing shoes at home. This is especially important now the weather is cold!

Phonics – Our new graphemes (letters) and phonemes (sounds)

y – yacht – under the hull and down the anchor
z zz – zig zag– zig and zag
qu – quil – around the feather and down the pen
ch – chew the chunky chips

Harder to read and spell words:

These are words that do not use a phonetic code - we cannot sound them out and blend to read. We just have to see them and read them.

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Dates for the diary

27th November – Reception Theatre Trip.
2nd December – School Xmas Fair
24th Nov/3rd Dec – Parent Phonics Workshops

Other bits:

- **Reading Books and Games –** Please bring your child's **Reading Book, including their Reading Record,** to school on a **Thursday**. This will be returned to you on a Friday.
- **PHONICS FOLDER** - Your child has a **phonics folder** with the new phonemes taught that have been taught during the week. There is guidance included on how to use them **at home.** Phonics folders – back into school on a **Wednesday** and home on a **Friday**
- **Tapestry –** Please ensure that you can log on to your child's tapestry account. If you have any problems with this, please let a member of staff know and we will try to resolve this for you.

*** words in red are new **vocabulary** that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child's language.*