

Year R Round-Up

October

Hello! What a busy month October was! We were busy learning all about harvest time and Autumn and we are now fully settled into school life.

This month we have focused on:

- Building our relationships with adults and children at school
- Learning about food – where it comes from, how it changes when we cook, what it tastes like – we chopped vegetables and made soup for our very own Harvest Banquet!
- We have now learnt all of our Set 1 Sounds and have been focussing on blending
- We have been working with the numbers 1, 2 and 3.



What do our days look like in October?

We start every day by learning a new letter sound. Now we have learnt all of our Set 1 sounds we are focussing on blending sounds to read simple words.

We have begun to write letters using our Kinetic Letters Handwriting - we use body movements to help us learn the correct formation of different letters.

We continue to do PE with Mrs Stewart on a Wednesday morning and with our class teacher on a Thursday afternoon.

We love going to the library on a Wednesday to choose a new book to take home!

We now have maths sessions 4 days a week, working in small groups on practical tasks that will help us understand number and shape.

We spend time in our keyworker groups talking about ourselves and our thoughts and share ideas. We have been thinking about e-safety - ask your child if they can tell you about the importance of having breaks from screen time.

We are enjoying our Forest Fridays - we have explored the courtyard and our secret woodlands.

Every day we play, inside and outside, developing our creativity and our social skills.





How to support your child at this time:

Here are the things we would like you to work on with your child at home:

- Keep working on being independent when dressing – taking jumpers off, zipping up coats, putting socks on, etc
- Your child will now have brought home a reading folder. How many sounds can your child recognise in the little grey book? Don't forget to sign and date to show that your child has read/practised their sounds at home.
- We have started our 'Kinetic Letters' handwriting scheme. We use two little monkeys to show where to start our letters. Can your child tell you about Brave Monkey and Scared Monkey? Every week we will send home practice sheets of the letters we have been working on. These are for you to use and keep at home. This month we have learned how to write letters from the 'Jumper Family':

