

Reception Newsletter

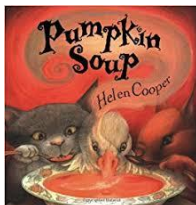
4th October 2019

Things we have been doing:

- ✚ Reading Elmer and talking about what makes us special
- ✚ Writing a list for celebrating Elmer Day
- ✚ Talking about shapes and creating a shape picture
- ✚ Enjoying our indoor role play in a café and outdoors in the police station
- ✚ Creating stories in our police small world
- ✚ Developing our own X-Factor shows
- ✚ Investigating finger prints
- ✚ Making stick puppets
- ✚ Exploring how many buckets of water we need to wash the bikes
- ✚ Creating finger paintings (paying attention to our fingerprints)
- ✚ Relishing our next music lesson where we used tambourines, claves and drums
- ✚ Creating and extending our own patterns
- ✚ Travelling in different ways in our first PE lesson
- ✚ Learning the phonemes s, d, t and i in phonics

Next week we will be reading:

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper



If you have a copy of this book, please share it with your child and talk about how the animals behaved.

Outdoor Learning Area



We will be enhancing our outdoor learning area this half term. If anybody is free to help us with cutting back the bushes in Reception, please let one of the Reception team know.

If you have any connections to anyone who is happy to donate log or wood chips, would you please get in contact with the reception team.

Wet Weather



As the weather is changing, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat in school each day and a waterproof in their bag.

Sickness and dihorrea

Just a reminder that if your child has had sickness or dihorrea they cannot return until 48 hours after the last incident.

Leaves and autumnal fauna

For our activities next week, we would be grateful if you could bring in on Monday any leaves, sticks, conkers, etc. that you may have collected while in the park.

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Next week we will be:

- ✚ Reading Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper and talking about harvest celebrations
- ✚ Writing a list of ingredients for our own soup
- ✚ Grouping different objects
- ✚ Continuing to enjoy our indoor café role-play and outdoor police station
- ✚ Creating sounds to represent animal movement using different instruments
- ✚ Making our very own hedgehogs using leaves
- ✚ Mixing Pumpkin Soup in our water tray using different ingredients eg. Conkers, glitter, food colouring
- ✚ Enjoying our next music lesson
- ✚ Travelling in different ways to mimic the movement of animals in PE
- ✚ Learning the phonemes n, p, g, and o in our daily phonics sessions

This week please:

- ✚ Talk about grouping and ordering objects.
- ✚ Read for five minutes every night with your child and share books at home with your child, talking about the the story.
- ✚ Sing rhyming songs about numbers for example 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 once I caught a fish alive.
- ✚ Practise forming (air writing, using a shape pencil and sitting at a table and saying:

Phoneme sound	Writing phoneme
s sss long hiss sound	Slither down the snake
d d-d-d short d sound	Round his bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet
t t-t-t tick tongue behind the teeth- unvoiced	Down the tower, across the tower
i i-i-i make a sharp sound in the back of the throat- smile	Down the body and dot for the head

Thank you Mr K

A massive thank you to Emmy's grandad, Mr K, who visited Reception on Thursday and read us two fantastic stories. The children were completely engrossed and we will now be saying 'kia ora' when we greet each other in the morning!

Elmer Day

Elmer day was fabulous. The children enjoyed all their activities, especially parading in the hall!

We will publish the photos next week.

School Bags

Can you please ensure that your child only brings one bag to school, unless they are having packed lunch. Unfortunately we don't not have room for more than one bag on the pegs.