

Dear Parents and Carers,

Phonics:- This week we will be starting to learn our first 5 Phase 2 phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (written correspondence) **s, a, t, p, i**. Children will have the opportunity to practise saying these sounds as well as writing the letters. Some children may start to label their drawings using initial sounds e.g. 's' for sandcastle or 'p' for people. We will also send home phoneme cards for you to practise at home with your child. More information will be given about these at our **Phonics Workshop on Wednesday 10th November**.

Maths:- We will be **comparing amounts, size, mass & capacity** in a range of ways. We will be reading the story '**A Squash and a Squeeze**' by **Julia Donaldson**. In the water trays, children might talk about which bucket is bigger or smaller. In the role play area children might make sure that there are enough plates for each of the children playing. Children will use a 5 frame to talk about which amount is bigger or smaller. We will encourage children to use vocabulary such as: big, little, small, large, tall, short etc.



5 Frame

Literacy:- In preparation for **National Poetry Week on 7th October**, we will be sharing a range of rhymes and poems about Autumn. We will also be thinking about questions that we can ask about our new Curiosity Cubes. This week we will have a range of autumn items inside such as conkers, horse chestnuts, acorns and pinecones.

At home you could:-

- Compare amounts: E.g. Who has the most potatoes on their plate? Who has the most teddies on their bed?
- Compare sizes, masses and capacity: E.g. Whose shoes are bigger? Why? Reading Goldilocks: How do you know who each bowl/chair/bed belongs to?
- You could read: The Enormous Turnip or Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell.

We are collecting:-

- Things for our loose parts areas. Please refer to the attached letter, the more resources we have, the better our learning opportunities can be ☺

Important Notices:-

- Ensure your child has a water bottle for school that is labelled.
- Please avoid letting your child bring toys into school.

Key dates:-

- Surrey Cricket Foundation has kindly provided us with 3 free sports sessions and so PE will start a little earlier than planned. **Please ensure PE kits are in school and that children have been practising dressing and undressing independently ready for Wednesday 29th September.**
- **Virtual Meet the Teacher: Friday 1st October**
Duckling Class: 10am, Gosling Class: 11am, Cygnet Class: 1pm
- **Reception Soup and Bread Harvest Celebration 15th and 21st October. Please refer to letter sent in your child's book bag.**
- Thursday 21st October - Last day of half term (usual pick up times)
- Monday 1st November - Inset Day
- Multi sports dates start date: **Thursday 4th November.**
- **Christmas Craft Morning 23rd November 9am and 10am**
- **Christmas Nativities at 9.30am**
Gosling Class: Monday 6th Dec, Cygnet Class: Tuesday 7th Dec, Duckling Class: Wednesday 8th Dec

Thank you
The Reception Team