

18.10.2021

### Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children will enjoy practising our songs for the Harvest Festival, making some delicious soup and bread! The children had a great time sharing these with parents last week and are looking forward to doing it this week.

**Phonics:** This week we will continue to practise the phonemes we have learnt so far, and we will be introducing phonemes - **ck, e, u, r**. We will continue to use our new phonics scheme *Essential Letters and Sounds*. The children will be encouraged to use their phonic knowledge during Independent learning to write recipes and thank you letters.

**Maths:** We will be focusing on composition of numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children will be introduced to the idea using different manipulatives (e.g. numicon, counters), alongside some outdoor games to aid their understanding.

**Literacy:** We will be sharing one of our Favourite Five stories: *Room on the Broom*, and we will be discussing some new vocabulary from the story - 'eagerly, shriek, bounded'. The children will also have the opportunity to write their own soup recipes and instructions for potions they have created.

### At home you could:

- Practise the sounds learnt so far using the flashcards attached to your reading record - can you spot any objects that begin with these letter sounds?
- Go on a nature walk and see how many different ways you can represent numbers 1, 2 and 3 using natural resources (e.g. sticks, leaves, conkers).
- Follow a recipe to make some Halloween treats or follow instructions for a Halloween arts and crafts activity.

### Please bring in:

- A decorated pumpkin for the pumpkin parade (optional)
- Spare change of **named** clothes for your child

### We are collecting:

- Spare knickers to donate to the school
- Nappy bags for wet accidents
- Flour, salt and oil for playdough

### Key dates:

- Reception Soup and Bread Harvest Celebration - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.15pm. Please refer to the letter sent home.
- End of half term - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October (usual finish time)
- Parents evening - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- Virtual Phonics Workshop - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15pm and 6pm
- Christmas Craft Morning - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.00am and 10.00am. 15 parents per session.
- Christmas Performances at 9.30am - Gosling Class: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, Cygnet Class: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, Duckling Class: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Thank you  
The Reception Team