



Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery

Reception Newsletter Autumn 2 2019



Our Learning Project this half term is:



Who Lives in the Wood?

Last half term the children showed particular interest in stories with fantasy characters and settings. In addition to this, they have been fascinated with the world around them, including the weather, seasons and natural materials. We have decided to provide a project which encompasses these interests alongside developing early reading.

As part of this project we will:

- Share a range of stories linked to the theme, including *Where's My Teddy?* Jez Alborough, *The Gruffalo*, Julia Donaldson, *Stickman*, Julia Donaldson, *Owl Babies*, Martin Waddell, *Leafman*, Lois Elhert and many more!
 - Learn a class poem, *Whisky Frisky*, from the Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems
- Go on a nature walk around the school grounds to collect natural materials such as leaves, twigs, pine cones, etc.
 - Provide a 'Reading Wood' book area with cosy corners and themed books
 - Explore natural art and create our very own Leaf or Stickman!
 - Use technology to capture our learning such as cameras and iPads
 - Follow a recipe to make pumpkin soup



Maths

During this first half term we will continue to provide the children with a range of activities focusing on early counting and calculation. The children will now be supported to 'dig deeper' in their understanding of the numbers 1-5. This includes sorting, comparing and calculating one more and one less. In addition to this, the children will be given other mathematical opportunities through the project. This includes:

- Sorting with autumnal resources
- Weighing ingredients to make pumpkin soup
- Using the language of shape and size in relation to autumnal resources – conkers, acorns etc.
- Constructing homes for hibernating animals.

Phonics

This half term the children will continue with Letters and Sounds Phase 2 until they have learned all the phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (letters) in this phase. Your child may have already brought home a reading book with simple words in. Please give your child's reading the best start by reading every day at home.

Later this half term the children will start Letters and Sounds Phase 3. Please attend our Workshop and In-Action Morning for more information (see below).

To further support at home, please see these websites:

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-2>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase2Menu.htm>

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 14th November - Tapestry Workshop, hints and tips for parents at 3pm

Wednesday 27th November – Phonics Phase 3 parent workshop at 3pm

Thursday 28th November – Phonics Phase 3 In-Action Morning at 9am



Tapestry and School Ping



SchoolPing

During the last half term you should have been given a Tapestry account login if you did not already have one.

Tapestry allows our Early Years Practitioners to share your child's school experiences with you including photographs and comments on what they have been learning. Please have a look at what your child has been doing in school. We love to see what you do at home too – you can add your own observations on the app. We are holding a Tapestry workshop for parents this half term – please see above dates for the diary. SchoolPing allows schools to share messages and reminders with you, please let us know if you do not have an account.