

Dear Parents and Carers,

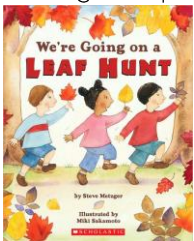
We cannot believe we have come to the end of the first half term! Your children have settled in so well and we cannot wait to split the classes after half term and start lots more fun learning such as phonics! Please do not forget to come to our phonics workshop on Wednesday 31st October from 9am-10am! Thank you to all those families who went on their autumn walks and brought in their findings! Please do try to go on an autumn walk over half term to collect leaves and conkers! We want to remind you to practice your child's name writing every day as part of their home learning! We will be looking to see how much progress they have made after half term! We hope you have a wonderful half term holiday and cannot wait to see you all when you are back! Many thanks, The Reception Team ☺

Please remember every child will need an adult to participate with them during the child and carer PHONICS WORKSHOP on Wednesday 31st October 9-10am!

We cannot wait for all the phonics fun! Please speak to a member of the team if you are unable to attend.

Literacy Learning:

Our key text this week has been 'We're going on a Leaf Hunt, by Steve Metzger.' They have really enjoyed playing games practicing their positional language.



'Positional language helps us describe the location of a character or an object. Positional terms include: Above, behind, below, close to, far away, in, in between, in front, left, next to, on, right, side, and under.'

Why not practice using these words in a game at home over half term to consolidate your child's learning.

Mathematics Learning:

We have continued to practice our numbers this week. We have shared three tablet friendly children's maths games for you to play with your child at home as part of their home learning over half term:

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

We look forward to hearing how you got on!

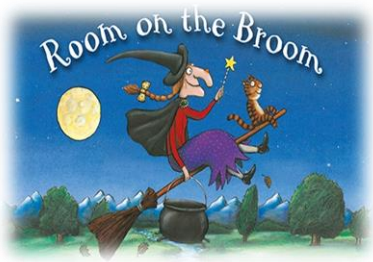
Creative Exploration:

This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring colours! They have been mixing combinations of the primary colours to see what colours they make! They especially enjoyed mixing colours in the puddles! What fun they had!



Story of the week after half term week is: 'Room on the Broom'

by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Makaton sign of the week:

Each week we will be teaching your children how to sign. We use a programme called Makaton at our school. Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people to communicate. It is designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech, in spoken word order. With Makaton, children and adults can communicate straight away using signs and symbols.

After half term the sign of the week will be :

To Remember



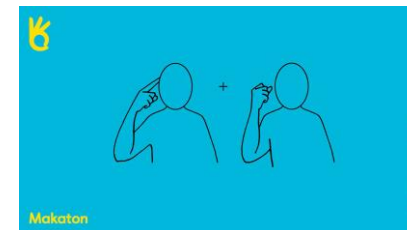
Makaton sign of the week:



To Remember

Please use the following link on YouTube to watch how to do the sign or type in *To Remember, Makaton Sign of the Week:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azA4b3BN7eo>



Collecting Beautiful Treasures:

Over the half term holiday, we would like you to see if you can collect some of the following treasures for your child's learning. Please bring them any into school and give them to a member of the team.



Conkers



Plastic bottle lids

Thank you in advance! We look forward to seeing how many you can collect for us!

Naming clothes:

We kindly ask you to take the time to remember to **name** all of your child's belongings over the half term holiday!

We understand your frustrations when some of your child's belongings may go missing. However, if the clothes are unnamed, it makes it very difficult for us as staff to locate or recognise them if they are unnamed.

We also ask you to be patient on PE days when t-shirts and trousers may get misplaced in another child's PE kit by your child. To get dressed and undressed is a challenging activity for your child and is part of our curriculum that we assess your child on.

So again, we kindly ask you to be patient on these days. The staff work very hard to support your children every day and we want to work with you in partnership.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Monday 29th October: First day back after half term holiday- 8.40am
- Wednesday 31st October: Phonics Workshop- how to teach your child to read and write (9am in the hall)