

Dear Parents and Carers, what a wonderful week we have had! The children thoroughly enjoyed our story of the week Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper. We have been talking all about how pumpkins grow. There is a lovely song on YouTube if you follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tU-GwFHQZI8> or type in to YouTube: Life cycle of a pumpkin Amanda Ellis. Enjoy singing!

Many thanks, Reception Team ☺

Pumpkin Cooking at Home:

All our learning this week has been about pumpkins. We will continue to develop the children's understanding about where food comes from next week- focusing on learning the story song for the lifecycle of a pumpkin.

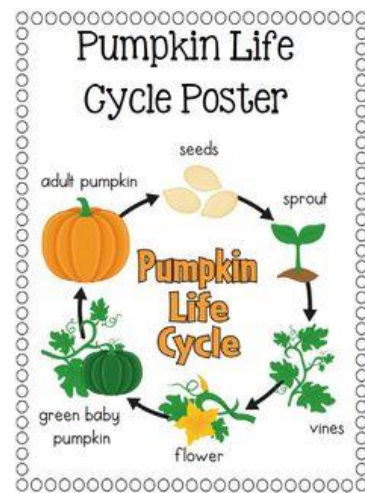
For our home learning, why not try this simple recipe at home to make pumpkin soup ☺

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 16-ounce can of pumpkin puree
- 1 1/3 cups vegetable broth
- 3 cups soy milk (or another vegan milk substitute)
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste

Steps to Make It

1. In a large saucepan, cook the onion in the margarine for 3-5 minutes, until onion turns clear.
2. Add remaining ingredients, stirring to combine.
3. Cook over medium heat for 10-15 minutes longer.



Phonics Learning:

The sounds we are currently learning:

m a s d t i n p g

Please continue to practise the above sounds at home.

Please see words of the week at the end of this newsletter for your child's home learning Fred words to learn together.

The tricky words we are learning to read are:

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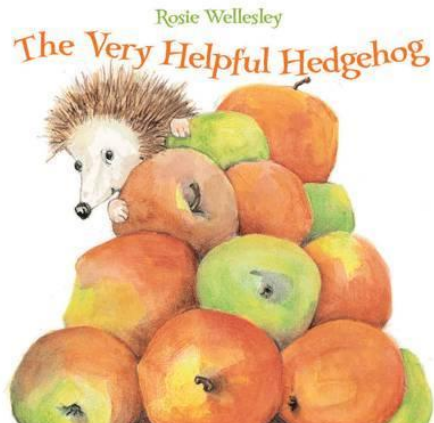
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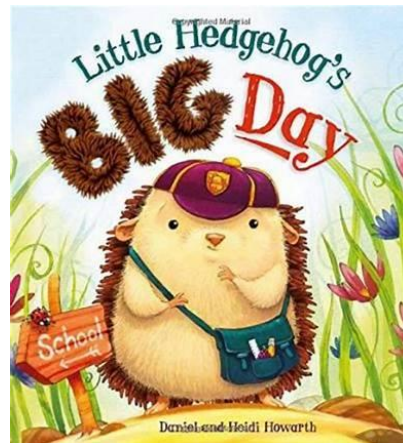
We have two focus storybooks this week:

The Very Helpful Hedgehog by Rosie Wellesley



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Little Hedgehog's Big Day by Daniel and Heidi Howarth



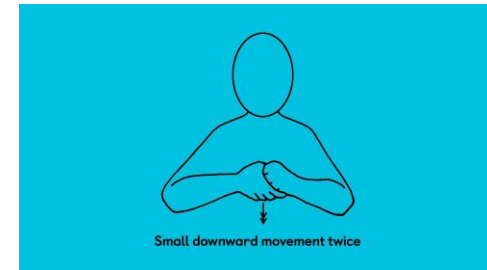
Makaton sign of the week:



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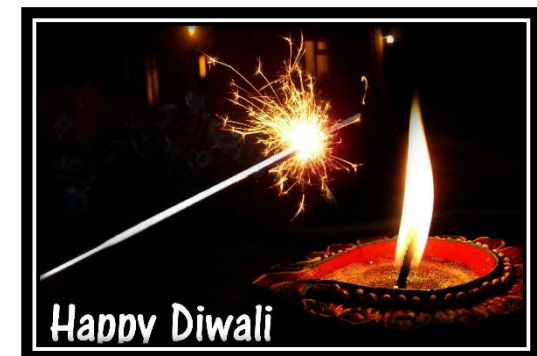
Please use the following link on YouTube to watch how to do the sign or type in *Friend*, Makaton Sign of the Week:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uV3N721rsl>



Diwali Fun!

At Grove Academy, we are one community and celebrate everyone! This week the children thoroughly enjoyed Miss Mahal's assembly learning all about Diwali. We hope all those families that celebrated Diwali had a wonderful time! Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to come in to school and talk about anything from your own culture or a festival that you and your child celebrate at home. Many thanks 😊





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