



Last week the children learnt about the signs of Autumn. It has been wonderful to see so many children going on Autumn walks and adding their photos to Tapestry as part of this term's Power projects.

This week we will explore light and dark as part of our topic. We will read the story of the Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. The children will make fireworks pictures and make shadow puppets to use in our 'shadow theatre'

Phonics

For the next two weeks we will be reviewing the sounds that we have already learned and will be assessing the children's progress so far.

Before half term you should have all received a login for Phonics Shed so that the children can play games related to the sounds if you would like them to.

You should also have access to videos on Tapestry showing the correct letter formation for the letters learnt so far.

This week you will also receive a bookmark with high frequency words for chapter 2. Please practise these words regularly so that your child becomes confident reading them.

Please note we have not learnt all of the words yet.

First Class Photo

This week, class photos of children who have started school in Kent will appear in the Kent Messenger. You can find details here <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/news/native/childhood-memories-captured-forever-in-our-first-class-speci-330800/>

Please note: The picture was taken early in the first term, if you had not given your consent to having your child's image in a newspaper then your child will not be in the photo.

Maths– It's Me 1,2,3

This week, we are looking at different ways of showing 1,2 and 3. Ask your child to draw you a number of dots/objects/pictures. Ask them questions like- 'How many will you have if you draw one more?' What if I hide one, how many now? In class, we will also practise how to write the numbers 1,2 and 3 accurately.

Coats

The children are getting much more confident at putting their coats on independently but many cannot do up their own zips or buttons. Please continue to support your child with becoming more independent by practising zips/buttons.

Curriculum Focus- Poetry Basket

This week we are starting 'poetry basket'. The children learn a poem with simple actions which they can recite by the end of the week. After the first day of learning the poem, the children are encouraged to stand up in small groups and perform the poem to the rest of the class. The children are very keen to do this, and it helps them to become more confident speakers. They learn a new poem every week and it is often related to our topic learning or linked to the season. This week our poem is 'Falling Leaves'. Ask your child to perform it for you later in the week.

Thank you for your continued support.