

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

17th October 2025

Maths

This week we have been focussing on counting 1-5.

The children have been listening to and joining in with the counting sequence to 5, including using songs and rhymes, such as 5 little monkeys and 1,2,3,4,5.



As well as counting, the children have been understanding that counting is useful because it tells us 'how many' and seeing that the last number in the count tells us 'how many altogether' (cardinality).

Key Vocabulary: 1,2,3,4,5, how many, count, counting, forwards, backwards.

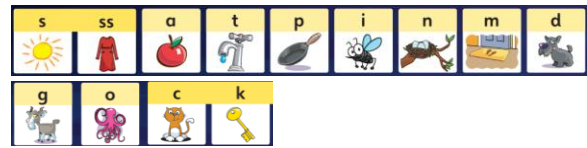
Home learning:

Sing number rhymes at home-

- 2 little dicky birds.
- 5 little ducks went swimming one day.
- 5 cheeky monkeys jumping on the bed.
- 1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive.

Phonics

This week we have continued to learn our phase 2 phonics sounds: c , k .



We have been practising sounding out the phonemes and forming the letters correctly.

Home learning:

Your child will have a yellow reading record in their bag.

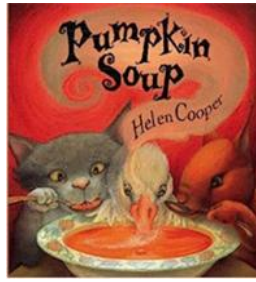
Inside the front cover you will find a username and password to access Bug Club phonics.

Here the children have access to our Bug Club lessons, videos and games they can play at home.

Please share their reading books with them at home:

- Talk about the features of the book: front cover, title, blurb, we read from left to right and noticing the page numbers.
- Spend time looking at the illustrations, commenting/discussing what you can see, what you think will happen next.
- Practise oral blending: "c-a-t. cat".
- Practise recognising sounds and blending the sounds together to read words.

Our core text this week was:



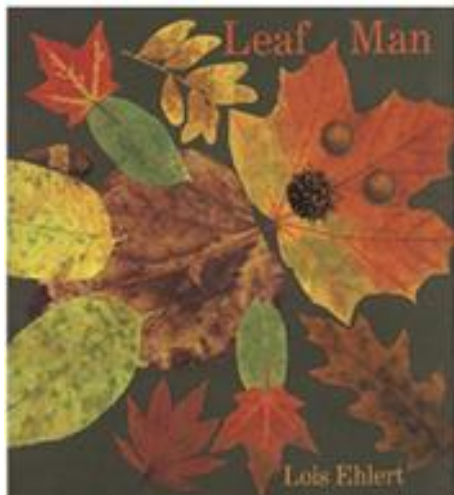
We have been reading Pumpkin Soup this week, we thought about who the characters were, what their jobs were and the feelings of each animal.

We have been making marks on the pumpkins, counting pumpkins, exploring colour mixing as we paint pumpkins.

The children also designed a soup considering the fruits and vegetables they would like in their soup. They then practised their fine motor skills to help cut up the fruits and vegetables for our soup. Finally, we made the soup and I was very proud of all the children as they tasted the soup. We discussed who liked the soup and who did not like it and why.

Home learning: Encourage children to use a knife and fork to cut up their food.

Our Core text next week will be:



Our core text next week is Leaf Man, we will be thinking about seasonal changes and the signs of Autumn.

Awards:

Reader of the week:

Elijah

Our value of the week-

Respect:

Sanjot

Well done!



Important Notes:

- Please label **ALL** your child's belongings! (clothes, coats, bags, shoes, etc).
- **PE** is every **Monday** (Burnley Community Trust).
Please bring a PE kit: White top, shorts, pumps.
- **Children have access to outdoor learning every day.**
(We provide waterproofs and wellies. If your child would prefer to keep a set of their own waterproofs and wellies in school, they can do).
-Even though the children do wear waterproofs and wellies, splashing in puddles is lots of fun, so a **spare set of socks** in their bag would be useful.
- Please can children have **water** in their water bottles.
- All children are **provided with fruit** for their **healthy snack**.

Thankyou, Miss Smith and the EYFS team.