

**Reception -**

This week in reception we have looked at the topic of our 5 senses. We have talked about how we hear, touch, smell, taste and see and discussed different things we can do with each sense.

We have enjoyed using our own senses in lots of activities within the classroom from texture collages to listening walks.

In Maths we have explored looking at number using equipment called numicon and also continued with number recognition and solving number problems.

Please continue to read and practise your words and sounds over the holiday.

There are some half term Home learning challenges in the book bag to complete about the change in our season and using our senses.

Have a happy half term and well done on your first half term!!!

**HOMework**

Reading at least 5 times a week and practising sounds and words, and reading diary signed and dated.

**Year 1 -**

This week the children have been sequencing stories and practising their independent writing. They had a go at writing a story based on the story of the Hungry Hen by Richard Waring. They worked hard to think about the story and to write their own sentences.

We also read the traditional story of The Enormous Turnip and the children then had to cut out and sequence a set of pictures from the story and write a sentence for each picture.

In Maths we have continued to practise our counting. We have worked hard on our number formation making sure all our numbers are written the correct way round.

The children have continued to enjoy our topic on Autumn, creating Autumn pictures using a variety of media such as paints and pastels.

As always, thank you for reading at home. Please fill in your child's diary when they have read and remember to practise their letter blends too. Please aim to read four or more times each week as this will help them progress.

We hope you all have a great half term holiday. Please note that the children return to school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for all your support this half term

**HOMework**

Reading: at least 4 times a week and reading diary signed and dated.

**Year 2 -**

This week in Maths we have been learning how to use tens and ones (chips and peas in Rowan) to subtract single digit numbers, multiples of 10 and other 2 digit numbers from a number

e.g.  $23-2=?$   $34-20=?$   $56-23=?$

In English we have finished our diary writing, imagining that we are Samuel Pepys writing about the Great Fire.

We have continued to try hard to include some adjectives, nouns, noun phrases and questions in our work, as well as capital letters and full stops. We have edited and improved our work by adding capital letters, full stops and noun phrases where we have not used them.

As part of our art work we have looked closely at pictures of the Great Fire and have made our own images of the flames and silhouetted buildings.

We have also practised our harvest songs and on Thursday enjoyed a special harvest assembly with Year 1 and Key Stage 2.

**Thank you for all the cereal boxes that you have sent into school. We have as many as we need now.**

Well done to Sycamore who won the Reading Homework Challenge. We hope that they enjoy their special reward.

### **Homework**

Reading is homework and the children should be reading to an adult at least 4/5 times a week, and reading diaries signed and dated. Please make sure that your child is doing this as it makes a considerable difference to their progress in reading, particularly if they talk and answer questions about what they have read.

**Spellings:** Written below are the phoneme/graphemes that the children will be practising after Half Term. Please practise these at home too.

Alternative pronunciations of a, y, ch, ou

e.g. hat, band	after, squad
yes, yellow	gym, pyramid
chick, pinch	chorus, chemist
loud, sound	would, should

**Tricky words** - many, laughed, because, different, any, eyes, friends, once, please