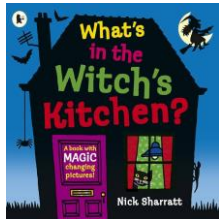


Welcome to the Reception newsletter



13th October 2023



What's been happening in Owls and Foxes classes...

We read the book **What's in the Witch's kitchen**, which is a really silly story about all the yucky things she has in her kitchen. There are lots of versions of this on YouTube if you want to have a look with your child. We love the book, but have also enjoyed the witch in this video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0T0floZwDI>

We have drawn the silly witch and have begun to write some of the letters we have learnt. We wrote 'ss' for silly spiders and some of us even had a go at writing simple words such as 'cat'. We continued this story into our maths lessons, subitising 3 or 4 things that the witch wanted. This means we can just see the amount with our eyes, without having to count or point with our finger. We are now learning how to make 5 in different ways, so that we don't have to count it out. For example we can see 3 bats and 2 spiders so we know that makes 5, we don't have to count. This is tricky, but we practise a lot every day.



We are continuing Phase 2 phonics and we have now looked at s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d. Next week we will learn g, o, c, k. We also start to blend these sounds together to read simple words such as in, is, cat, pig.

IN RE we are learning and thinking about Creation and the wonderful world God has made us. We are learning that we are all part of God's family and that the Church is part of our family. As we will be discussing Baptism, we would love it if you could send in a photo of your child's Baptism. You could send a photo in, email it to us, or put it on Tapestry. We are going to make a family album, which will include any celebrations or events your child has enjoyed, as part of RE and Knowledge of the World.

Phonics Bug

We hope you have all managed to login to Phonics Bug and are finding the games useful. Regular practice will really help the children to learn early reading skills.

Library books

Next week your child will bring home a book from our classroom library. It is completely their choice and is a book to share with you or have read to them. It is not a book we expect them to read themselves. It is important that children are exposed to many different stories and books and get opportunities to talk about the story with you. Please return this in their book bag every week, on their library day. Owls library day is Tuesday and Foxes library day is Thursday.

Trainee teachers

You may have noticed Miss Eyre and Mrs Sadler on the playground at the start and end of the day. They are both training to be teachers and are with us until February. We are thrilled to have them with us and they are a great part of our team.

Parents evenings

The online booking system closes at the end of today and we cannot take any more bookings after this. At the time of your booking, please make your way to the classroom and wait outside until we are ready. Just a polite reminder that appointments are 10 minutes each, so that we don't keep other parents waiting. Thank you for your understanding.

Important dates

Parents evenings Thursday 9th and Tuesday 14th November

Nativity performance Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm and Thursday 14th December at 9.30am.

Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions, or send us an email.

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We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Buddle, Mrs Kirby, Mrs Staines and Mrs Jeal