

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 3rd November 2023

This week in Reception:

We hope you all had a lovely, restful half term break. The children have had a brilliant week and have settled straight back into the routines of the day. Many of the children were really excited about Hallowe'en and couldn't wait to show us or tell us about their amazing costumes. Lots of them also enjoyed telling us about all the exciting events they had planned including trick or treating and attending parties. As well as Hallowe'en, the children also liked learning all about bonfire night and how they can stay safe around sparklers, fires and fireworks. Each class created their own fireworks paintings using a variety of techniques and put up homemade safety posters around the Reception area.

This week, we have also been practising for our class performances during the week beginning 13th November. The children have been having great fun learning new songs and thinking of actions to go along with the words. We hope lots of you will be able to make it to see their all of their hard work. However, if you're unable to, we're sure that your child will enjoy performing these songs to you at home!

Phonics:

This week in phonics we have been reviewing the sounds taught during last half term and have continued practising blending sounds together to read words and reinforcing their skills through games such as 'pop it in the bin' and phonics noughts and crosses.

Please visit the Kilmore School Website for more information about phonics and follow the link to the Little Wandle site, where you can find lots of parent information about how we teach this programme.

Maths / Number:

We spent the week focusing on identifying 2D shapes and their properties, using the mathematical language of 'sides' and 'corners'. The children have been exploring this in a variety of ways. Each class played their own game of shape shop, where the children had to find the correct shapes based on their friends' descriptions. They also enjoyed trying to draw their own 2D shapes and using the 2D shape feely bag.

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Reading:

This week, instead of group reading, we have begun the half term by recapping all of the sounds learnt in Autumn 1. As well as this, the children have each had individual time with their class adults to play some phonic games.

Home learning ideas:

- Play your own game of 'The Shape Shop' with your child... see if they accurately describe a 2D shape to you. You can then 'sell' it to them if they describe the shape they want in sufficient detail, using words like sides and corners.
- See if your child remembers the firework safety rules and can explain them to the family.
- Play a game of phonics noughts and crosses with your child. Draw a normal noughts and crosses board then fill the gaps with different CVC words (words containing consonant-vowel-consonant, such as those in the picture below). Once your child gets one right, they can either circle or cross out the word. Can they get three in a row? (When it's your turn, model really clearly how you segment the sounds and then blend them eg h-u-g).

hug	sip	sock
duck	sat	tip
hat	dog	cat

Forthcoming events

Reception performances:

We would love to invite you to an exciting performance of songs from the children. Each performance will take place in your child's classroom and will last around 15

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minutes. Please enter school via the Early Years gate, which will be staffed from 2.50 – 3pm. You are welcome to take your child home at the end of the performance if this is convenient for you.

- **Monday 13th November at 3pm – Tigers performance**
- **Tuesday 14th November at 3pm – Bears performance**
- **Wednesday 15th November at 3pm – Lions performance**

School website

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

