

Welcome to Reception



17th November 2023

This week

we have been learning about autumn. We went on a walk to look for signs of autumn. The children noticed there were lots of leaves on the ground and that some trees had yellow and brown leaves and some trees still had green leaves. We collected lots of leaves, twigs, conkers and chestnuts to take back to the classroom. We used our autumn finds to make leaf pictures and put googly eyes on sticks and leaves to make different characters. We have made leaf finger puppets, leaf collages, leaf rubbings and leaf sun catchers!

We have also been learning about how some animals hibernate in winter.

Phonics

We have revisited the sounds s, a, t and p this week. Although lots of children can recognise these sounds, we need to work on blending and segmenting them.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 23rd November -

Thursday 30th **November-**Book Worms after school book sale

Tuesday 12th **Dec – 1.45pm**, Reception Christmas Performance

Wednesday 13th Dec-Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th Dec – 9.30am, Reception Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th Dec – 3.40pm-4.30pm Reception Disco **Weds 20th Dec** – Last day of term **Thurs 4th Jan** – Back to school

Maths

This week we have been doing lots of subitising for numbers up to 4. We show cards with up to 4 dots on them, very quickly and the children hold up their fingers to show how many dots they saw. The arrangement of the dots changes each time so children become very competent at recognising quantities without counting.

We also played a game where we placed 4 objects under a cloth and either changed the arrangement or added or took an object away. The children had to say how many objects there were, but again, were only shown the arrangement very quickly so they had to use their subitising skills. You could continue playing this game at home.