

Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Friday 3rd November 2017



Welcome back after half term - we hope you all enjoyed your week off school! The children have been very keen to share their news about what they have been up whilst off and it has been lovely seeing how they have grown in confidence as they share their news. Thank you to all the families who have bought their 'Autumn Treasure Collections' back to school - the children have enjoyed displaying their items on our nature tables and again this has been a huge talking point and place for discussion ☺

This week in Reception, we have largely followed the children's interests around their excitement with Halloween. Both Reception classes enjoyed helping to carve out pumpkins for their classroom, using spoons or their hands to clear out the middle part. The children really enjoyed getting messy in the 'goo' and were fascinated by what they found inside the pumpkins. (We left the seeds and pumpkin pulp out later for the children to look closely at and use in our messy play tuft spot !)



A little later we then mixed up a little bicarbonate of soda with some white vinegar and food colouring and made 'exploding pumpkins' - a lot of learning took place as the children talked about what we were doing, what they thought might happen and what actually did happen and why. The children also got to have a go at mixing the solution themselves which brought about some thoughtful discussions about why some pumpkins were more frothy than others (we decided that this was down to the amount of vinegar we had poured in and some children pouring in more and some children pouring in less).

The children also enjoyed making chocolate apples, breaking up the slabs of chocolate themselves and placing them in the bowl ready to go in the microwave. We again talked about what we thought would happen and talked about how the chocolate had changed when melted. The children covered their apples themselves in the melted chocolate and then dunked their apples into the coloured sprinkles to decorate - their finished work looked delicious!



Both of our Reception classes also changed into their PE kits this week - all of our staff were amazed at how well the children did undressing and dressing themselves (we were all extremely proud ☺). If you still need to purchase a PE kit they are still on sale in our school or office or alternatively you can simply purchase a white t-shirt and navy blue or black shorts from your local supermarket or clothes store.

Poppies are also available for children to purchase in school next week for a minimum donation of 50p.

Many Thanks
Reception Staff