

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

## Our learning this week

### Author visit

On Monday, the author Eleanor McKone visited Reception class to share her new book Pipers Passport. In the workshop, Eleanor McKone discussed the animals in the story and the children talked about their ideas and experiences.



### Book focus – Pumpkin Soup

On Tuesday, we shared the Pumpkin Soup book and talked about the feelings of the characters. We thought that Duck was sad because his friends wouldn't let him stir the soup and Duck ran away because he was upset. The children have enjoyed re telling the story to their talk partners and using the small world area to develop their own narratives about Duck, Squirrel and Cat.



Throughout the week, the children have been building fabulous structures in the indoor and outdoor construction areas and have shown a particular interest in tracks and chutes. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we challenged the children to build an amazing conker chute using tubes and wooden planks in their key worker groups. They demonstrated fantastic problem solving and team working skills. We will build on their interest in this next week by building different slopes and run ways and by using different objects.

On Wednesday, we made delicious pumpkin soup! The children took it in turns to prepare the pumpkin and chop the vegetables then they tasted the soup in the Outdoor Learning classroom. We shall be using the remainder of the food that we purchased on our School trip to bake banana bread and make traditional lemonade.

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On Thursday, we worked with our talking partners to draw around our body shadows following our afternoon walk around the Outdoor area in the sunshine. The children were fascinated with this and enjoyed creating different shapes and poses! The children have also spent a considerable time dressing up in different costumes and using different props in their outdoor role –play.

### Literacy

This week the children have continued to use the story map templates to draw and write about their adventures. We also made 'silly soup' in the reading area using objects that rhyme.

For example pig / wig and bat / cat. The children stir in the 'ingredients' that rhyme and say then read the word.

### Maths

In Maths, we are learning to weigh objects so that we can weigh the ingredients for Pumpkin Soup. The children have enjoyed learning how to use the balance scales to measure which fruit / vegetables are the heaviest and lightest. They have also learnt how to measure the weight of the fruit / vegetables using non-standard measures such as cubes. We discovered that the apple weighed 5 cubes but the orange was lighter weighing 3 cubes.



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We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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