



18th October 2019

Welcome to Reception's Newsletter.

Well done to all the children as they have completed their first half term at school!
How quick has that time gone.

This week the children have learnt /f/ for flower /e/ for egg /l/ for leg and /h/ for horse. We have sent these corresponding letter formation sheets home for you to practice. We have also added these cards to your child's reading records. Once your child shows confidence with blending orally, I will see if they are confident to move onto books with words. Keep practicing blending orally - we call this Fred talk so the children become more confident with doing this.

Open Phonics happens every two weeks so the next session will be after half term. The session will be Wednesday 30th October. We look forward to seeing you then.

In Maths this week we have been looking at measuring length and height. The children have been directly comparing objects to find the tallest / shortest / longest and then using cubes as non-standard measures to see how long they are. At home, see if they can find things that are taller or shorter than themselves or one object as a constant comparison. Encourage the correct language. We have said height is to measure how high and length is to measure how long.

Next half term we are still going to be looking at toys however we are going to have a closer look at puppets. We are going to start off with shadow puppets as this works well with Halloween and bonfire night approaching. The children would also create their own puppets and story over the half term ready to show case to you at the end!

If your child helps to create a pumpkin with you over the holidays it would be great to see their designs uploaded to tapestry for us to share.

Please upload any learning that you do at home to Tapestry. It is lovely to see them continuing this at home with you. We also share these with their friends in class.

The children have been great at learning the first nursery rhyme for the challenge - even singing it when it was raining outside! The first nursery rhyme is: **Its raining its pouring**. We will introduce a new one soon once all children are confident with this.

Dates for the Diary:

1. **28th October** - First day for Autumn 2 term
2. **1st November** - Spooky Disco
3. **4th December** - Class Trip to Truro Museum