

Our Learning
18/10/23
Hedgehog Class
Ladybird Class



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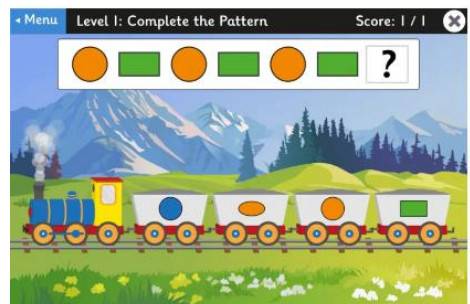
As you are aware we had an OFSTED inspection this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be a while before we hear the outcome, but the Early Years team would like to express our pride in the children. They were amazing throughout the inspection and the days just carried on as normal despite numerous visits. They were excited and eager to talk about their learning and were a real credit to yourselves as parents and the school.

What have we been learning this week?

This week we have been reading the story 'Pumpkin Soup' The children have been printing pumpkins using lego bricks, counting and ordering numbered pumpkins, making cheerio bracelets which we painted orange to become pumpkins, explored pumpkins and their insides - planting the seeds and using the insides to mix potions and create mud pies. We also practised our scissor skills using cooked spaghetti dyed orange and green. This was cut up and mixed into the pumpkin exploration station. The children also thoroughly enjoyed a pumpkin hunt. We hid pumpkins containing all the letters we had learnt and some numbers around the classrooms and outside garden. The children loved the challenge of going around with their clipboard to find the hidden pumpkins.

In maths we have been continuing to count and count out objects **ACCURATELY**. We have been looking at repeating patterns again this week - making repeating pattern bracelets and playing a repeating pattern game on the iPad. The children found this tricky so it would be super helpful if you could log on to the train game at home. Complete Level 1 and if your child finds completing this easy you could try Level 2.

www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns



Phonics

We have continued our phonics teaching this week and have learnt the following letters; ck, e,u,r

Please find the pronunciations below;

ck - as in sock NOT see kay

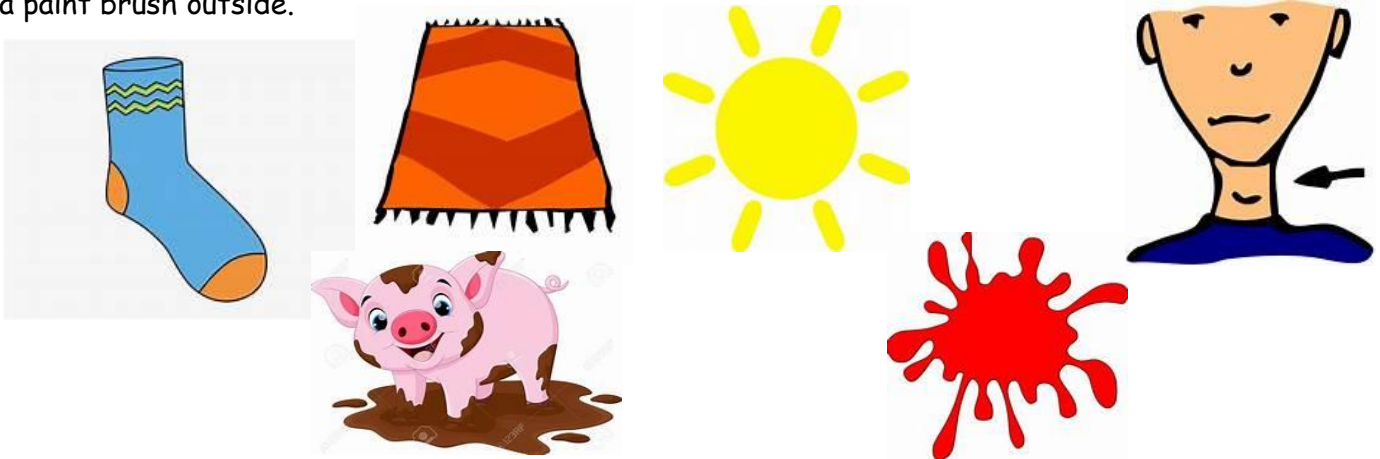
e - as in egg NOT ee

u - as in umbrella NOT you

r - as in red NOT are

We have been using these letters to make up words and read them. A lot of children find blending the sounds to read words tricky. Please make up a set of letter cards at home and practise sound recognition daily so your child really recognises them well. Then use these cards to make up words to match the pictures printed below - sock, rug, sun, neck, mud, red. We will be assessing your child on their knowledge of the sounds taught so please help your child with these at home.

We have been practising writing these letters too. Please see the video posted on tapestry explaining letter sounds and formation. **If you could practise writing these letters at home that would be great.** It doesn't need to be pen on paper. It could be writing in the mud, writing on the bathroom tiles using shaving foam, writing in a tray full of salt / sugar / flour, painting letters using water and a paint brush outside.



Home Learning

Can you.....

- Use the name card sent home to practise writing your name. It would be marvellous if children were writing their name independently when we return after half term in preparation for Christmas cards.
- Practise putting on your coat, doing it up and turning the sleeves in the right way.
- As we have been learning about the story Pumpkin Soup it would be great if you could make some pumpkin soup yourself at home. Don't forget to pop a photo of it on Tapestry.

Thank you for all your support during your child's first term at school. We are very proud of all their achievements this term.

Have an amazing half term break! We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 1st November ready for the Christmas term.

