



Friday 21st October 2016

## Reception Newsheet: Number 5

### *This week we have been doing:*

Drawing Poem Maps for Humpty Dumpty went to the moon. The children have been learning this poem and were so excited at the idea of putting their words into pictures and writing. We drew pictures and tried to hear the first sound in each picture we wrote. We tried to write; moon, spoon, porridge, tent, bent, humpty and the tricky word I. We were all very impressed with how hard the children worked. Their letter formation is brilliant.

Been to Lakenham Church for Harvest Festival. On Wednesday morning we walked to the church with Year 2, 5 and 6. We sang songs and listened very carefully to Bishop Peter. The children were very sensible walking and they held a Year 5s hand the whole way. We came back and wrote a scribed story of our morning.

Been to the wildlife area. Every week the children go to the wildlife area with Mrs Vincent to learn outside. This week's focus was to try and make a repeating pattern with different coloured leaves.

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### **Independence in the mornings**

After half term we would like the children to become independent in the mornings by coming into the Pod and the classroom on their own. We can trial this over the first two weeks back and we then expect independence by 14th November. The whole class have done brilliantly so far and we have no qualms that the children will be able to do this (we already have a couple of children doing this already!) By saying goodbye to your little one at the door, you are instilling trust into me and my staff team, enabling your child to feel safe. On days where it has been a tricky morning or your child is upset on arrival, we will of course make exceptions.

## Phonics

Please do come along to our phonics session on Tuesday 8th November at 9am. This session will enable you to see how we teach phonics and how you can help your child at home.

## Name writing

By the end of Reception we expect all children to be able to write their full names. We are practising all of the time in the classroom and please do practise with your child at home. We have sent home letter formation rhymes, please use these to help form letters from the correct starting points.

## Colgate Bright Smiles

This half term we are sending the children home with a toothbrush pack provided by Colgate. We have watched a video about tooth defenders and the importance of oral health. There is a chart in the pack for you to fill in at home. We will be looking to see who has been brushing their teeth and will award certificates for those children who can brush day and night for a challenge of two weeks! Good luck!