



Friday 29st September 2017

Dear Parents,

All the children are continuing to settle into Reception, making new friends and exploring their learning environment. Outside learning time is a definite favourite and we have all been making the most of the Autumnal sunshine, long may it continue.

Area	What we have learnt	Ideas to support at home
Topic	We have been learning about our senses this week, focusing on the sense of taste. The children have talked about favourite foods and we have all tasted different fruits together.	Talk with your child about their different senses and what they are used for. Play 'I spy with my little eye...', 'I smell with my little nose...', 'I hear with my little ear...'
Phonics	We have enjoyed looking at rhyming words and continuing a rhyming string – cat, hat, mat, rat... To support the children with this we have encouraged them to listen carefully to the sound at the end of the word. For example 'a/t' at the end of cat and mat.	Can you make your own rhyming string? Encourage children to use nonsense words as well – zat, wat, yat! Look at rhyming stories – Julia Donaldson is a rhyming wizard.
Literacy	We are learning how to retell a story using actions. Our focus book was 'Chocolate Mousse for Greedy Goose'. Together we thought up actions ('Carrots – yuck!' was a favourite) and then told the story.	Put on your imaginary storytelling hat and together think of different actions for a favourite book. Encourage children to retell it to friends and siblings.
Mathematics	We have looked at 2D (flat) shapes this week – circle, triangle, square and rectangle. We have explored how each shape is different by counting the number of sides and corners.	Search for shapes around your home – rectangle windows and books, circle wheels and bowls... Practice counting the number of sides and corners of the shapes you find.

Thank you to everybody for sending in family photos, if you have not yet done so please do as the children will be talking about their families next week.

Thank you for your support,

Ms Del Corso and Mrs Kamanyire