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Week 6

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RWI Phonics

This week in phonics, we have been learning the sounds h, r, j, v and y.

We have nearly learnt all the RWI set 1 sounds, the children have worked so hard to learn to read and write these sounds. We have also started blending over the past couple of weeks, it is one of those magical moments in EYFS when they start to blend. Lots of smiles 😊

We have continued to play lots of Fred Games at school so they can hear the blending. Could you help us at home too? Examples might be:

Fred Talk at Snack Time: "Can you get your c-u-p?" (cup), "Find your h-a-t." (hat)

Dress-Up Fred: "Put on your c-o-a-t." "Can you find your s-o-ck?"

Toy Hunt: Ask children to find an object when it is said in Fred Talk, e.g. "Can you find the b-o-x?"

What's in the Bag? Place familiar objects in a bag and say the word in Fred Talk for your child to guess.

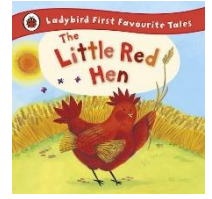
Sound and Jump: Fred says, "Jump to the d-o-g," or "Touch the r-u-g."

Shopping Fred: While shopping, say simple words in Fred Talk, e.g. "Can you spot the p-e-n?" or "Find the m-i-l-k."

h	r	j	v	y
				
Blending 1	Blending 2			
				

Drawing Club:

This week in Drawing Club, we have enjoyed the story The Little Red Hen, which linked beautifully with our Harvest learning. We have been talking about the importance of sharing, being kind and working together, linking to our Early Learning Goals.



We have also been learning some fantastic new vocabulary: baking, ingredients, concocting, rising, unhelpful, desserts, stuffing and collaborating.

Please encourage your child to use these new words at home too! You could talk about them while baking, cooking or preparing food together.

Maths:



In Maths, our numbers of the week has been 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. We have continued to develop our subitising skills, quickly recognising small amounts without needing to count, through fun games such as dice bingo and playing dominoes.

We have also been using Numicon to explore different ways of making numbers to 5, as well as creating patterns with cubes and peg boards. These activities have also been a great way to strengthen our fine motor skills while having lots of fun! We have also been singing 5 little ducks, 5 speckled frogs, 5 monkeys jumping on the bed.

Wider Learning: October value focus - empathy

This week, the children have been developing their physical skills in PE, learning how to side-step and balance in different ways. We have also been exploring the changes that happen around us as we move into a new season, looking closely at trees, leaves and the signs of autumn.

We have continued our learning about caring for our world. The children chose something that they love and talked about how they can help to care for it. It has been lovely to hear their thoughtful ideas and see how caring they are becoming about the world around them.

In our assemblies, we have been learning about moving safely around school and our value of the month for October is empathy. We have been developing our understanding of empathy — thinking about how other people might be feeling and how we can show kindness and understanding towards them.

We are also very much looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival tomorrow! The children have been practising 'Cauliflower Fluffy' and are excited to share their singing with you.

A gentle reminder that, for everyone's safety, the children will need to stay with their class during the festival. They will then be brought back to the classroom afterwards for our usual dismissal arrangements. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

Another fabulous week, Ducklings! 🦆 ✨

Kind regards, Miss Haworth