



Reception Weekly Newsletter – 8.10.21

Hi everyone! Another fantastic week of learning in Reception! With the season changing and the arrival of the rain, the children have loved exploring outside and jumping in muddy muddles. During our Forest Friday session, the children have been stepping into Andy Goldsworthy's shoes, and have been using natural resources found in the playground to create Autumnal art sculptures. We saw intricate stick designs and so many colourful leaf patterns. Along with the Art sculptures, the children have loved searching for minibeasts under logs and in the tall grass - we were all so fascinated by the many legs of a centipede! We have also been so impressed by all the mathematical language the children have been using in maths this week. We have loved hearing the children talk about what they know about different representations of numbers as well as explaining what they have noticed whilst sorting and matching objects. I wonder what we will all discuss next week?

Now for next week's fun - please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to at school as well as a few reminders. If you have any questions, please email office.hisn@hpp.school and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

This week we will be learning- Week Beginning 11th October

- Each week our learning focuses around a 'Story of the Week'. This week's story is: 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled' by Rachel Bright. As we are now officially in Autumn, we are taking a deep dive into the signs of Autumn as we take a closer look at the signs of autumn. Which animals will be hibernating and collecting food to prepare for the winter? How does the weather change from summer to Autumn and how does our environment change?
- In phonics, we will be continuing to recap our sounds: a/ i/ m/ s/ t/ n/ o/ p. The children will be building these sounds into simple words and will then have a go at writing them down, thinking about the letter formation. Our Everyday words for this week are: the, I, is, a.
- In maths this week our learning focus is all about patterns. The children will look and create their own shape patterns as well as colour patterns. We will be using our maths vocabulary to help us explain the patterns that we have created, remembering to speak in full sentences.

Some important information and reminders:

- **Early Reading Workshop:** You should have received information about our Early Reading Workshop. Just a quick reminder that it is on **Thursday 14th October**. There are two sessions. There is no need to attend both sessions as the afternoon session is identical to the morning session.
- **Christmas cards:** Another quick reminder that the deadline for you to return your child's Christmas card along with the form is on **Friday 15th October**.



- **Autumn learning:** As Autumn is fast approaching, we would love to introduce some natural resources into our learning. We would really appreciate any donations of conkers, conker shells, pine cones, acorns and autumn leaves. Thank you!
- **Drop off times:**
- **Autumn 1 drop off:** Soft start from **8.40 - 8.55**. You can arrive at any point within this time slot.
- **End of the day pick up times:**
- **Autumn 1 pick up:** Classes are being released at the same time at **2.50pm**.
- To keep the parent traffic flowing, it is important to leave with your child promptly from the playground. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher on drop off, please let the class teacher know and wait on the hill under the shade canopies in the playground. Once the class teacher has dismissed their class, they will then come and speak to you.
- **Things to bring to school:**
- Water bottles - **please make sure these are named.**
- School jumper: **please make sure these are also named.**
- Raincoat - just a little reminder that your child comes to school with a coat, (even if it is a pack-a-mack!). **Please make sure these are also named.**
- Red School Book bag - please make sure these are named with **one keyring**. No back packs.
- **Milk List:** At snack time, there is an option for your child to have milk. If you would like your child to be on the milk list, please go to the 'Cool Milk' website and register your child. Quick note to remember: If you register before 5pm on a Tuesday, your child will start receiving milk from the following week. Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>
- **Junk Modelling resources:** Along with messy play, the children love to build all sorts of wonderful things using all sorts of junk they find around the house. If you have any junk modelling resources, we would be more than happy to take these. Just a quick note to say that we are not taking any food boxes or wrappers. For junk modelling resources ideas, please see below.
- loo roll/kitchen roll tubes
- shoe boxes
- glitter
- pipe cleaners
- pom poms
- bottles and bottle lids
- toothpaste tubes
- straws
- fabric
- googly eyes
- CDs



Cooking at home

We have included a recipe below for you to have a try at home together. Now that Autumn has arrived and the cold weather is creeping up on us, why not use those apples that have fallen of the trees and make this belly warming apple crumble.

Apple Crumble

- Prep Time: 15 minutes
- Cook Time: 40 minutes
- Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 3 large cooking apples
- 3 tbsp caster sugar
- 3 tbsp water
- 125g plain white flour
- 75g butter
- 25g demerara sugar
- 50g porridge oats



Method:

1. Peel, core and slice some cooking apples (or whatever fruit you are using) and put them in the bottom of an oven proof dish
2. Sprinkle with caster sugar and water
3. Get your children to mix the flour, marg and brown sugar until they are like breadcrumbs or, alternatively whizz the mixture for 15 seconds in a food processor
4. Stir in the oats and put the mixture on top of the apples
5. Bake at 190'C/Gas mark 5 for 40 to 45 mins
6. Allow to cool slightly and serve custard, cream or vanilla ice-cream