

Week Beginning: 13th October 2025

This week, we will be learning about...

Topic:

We will continue to explore an Autumn theme this week. We will read the story 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper and talk about the topics of problem solving, friendship and sharing. As part of our Harvest Festival at St Vigor's Church on Thursday, we will learn the poem 'Misty' by Shirley Hughes and some Harvest songs to perform. We will also explore the properties of objects that float and sink.

Phonics:

We will be continuing our phonics teaching with the new phonemes - h (*helicopter*), b (*bear*), f (*flamingo*), l (*lollipop*). We will learn to recognise the tricky word 'the'. Using familiar sounds, we will continue learning to blend CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant e.g. *cat*) words.

Maths:

This week we will encourage the children to look carefully and use the language of comparison to describe sets of objects that they can see. Adults will model the language of 'more than' and 'fewer than' to describe how many objects there are in each set. 'Fewer than' is used rather than 'less than' because the focus is on countable things.

How you could help your child at home:

- Read with your child at least 3x a week.
- Daily practise of the phonemes we have learnt so far (focus on just one or a couple at a time) - s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r
- Compare quantities in real life contexts e.g. during mealtimes/snack times, when playing with toys etc. E.g. 'Arthur has more marbles than Olivia. Olivia has fewer marbles than Arthur.'
- Practise our Harvest poem and songs:

<https://meribeths.blogspot.com/2015/10/misty-monday-poem.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PukdaXUzgOU>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UthpkthPPBQ&list=RDUthpkthPPBQ&start_radio=1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjRVTh3srXw&list=RDajRVTh3srXw&start_radio=1

Reminders:

- Please return reading books on a Friday so children can be given a new book.
- Please return library books on a Wednesday so the children can change these when they visit the school library.
- OPAL Stay and Play Session – Monday 13th October – 1.45pm to 3pm (sign up in forms on Reach More Parents)
- Harvest Festival – Thursday 16th October – Parent helpers needed to help us walk to and from the church – 9.35-11.00am (sign up in forms on Reach More Parents)
- Open classrooms – Friday 17th October – 3.00-3.20pm – come and see our learning so far!

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