



Friday 29th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking your child on an Autumn walk, we have had great fun squishing blackberries, prizing open conkers, looking at different coloured leaves and rustling them. We have also introduced the words **soft**, **smooth**, **spiky**, **prickly**, **rough** and **bumpy** to talk about the different textures as well as talk about growth and change.

During number learning, we have been practising careful counting; moving to count objects and then counting to check, saying one number name each time we touch an object. We have found out about each other by looking at our eye and hair colour and counting how many children are in each group. We have found out which pets we have, which colours are our favourite and used the words **more**, **less** or **fewer** to talk about the number of children that have a dog/cat or like red/blue.

We started our phonic sessions this week and have introduced the children to the letters **s a t p** and the sounds that they make. We have been learning to listen carefully to hear the first sound in a word and even tried to think of things that start with the **s a t p** sounds such as; ssssssock, aaaaaant, ttttttop, ppppppig. It is really important that the children say these sounds clearly, without adding an 'er' or 'uh' on the end. Here are some useful clips to hear how sounds are said.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s

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We really appreciate the time that you have taken to listen to your child tell a story with their new reading book, your support really does make all the difference. Please do make a comment in the reading record book, so that we know your child has 'read' with you.

Home Learning challenge

To copy the letters **s a t p** and have a go at writing your own. Please encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so. They can also draw pictures or stick in things that start with each sound. The Argos book is great for this! (e.g. p pens, puppet, pumpkin, party, pirate...) We have also attached a fun I spy game that you can play with your child whilst out and about this weekend.

