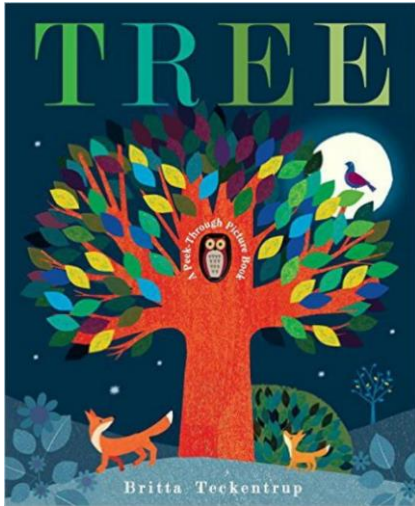


Friday 3rd November



We hope you had a good half term holiday and were not affected by the flooding. We are sad that we could not come to school on Thursday, but lots of you kept busy doing the home learning activities and we enjoyed looking at some of your activities on Tapestry.

Our special book this week was a non-fiction text 'Tree' by Britta Teckentrup, and we focussed on the season of autumn, as we learn about each season as we go through the year. We have learnt lots of facts about autumn. We talked about autumn trees, conkers (that they grow on horse chestnut tree), acorns (that they grow on oak trees),

hedgehogs and squirrels. The children drew and described an autumn tree, choosing the media they wanted to use, such as pastels, Crayons, or paint. We wrote a Class autumn poem and used colour words to write autumn poems. We also printed with leaves, choosing appropriate colours.



In **Maths**, we learnt about 7 in all contexts. We made 7 in different ways, using counting apparatus, fingers and £5 notes and £2 and £1 coins. We learnt about pentagons, hexagons and heptagons and talked about their properties using the vocabulary 'vertices', 'corners' and 'sides'. We measured objects and sorted them into groups of things that were bigger/taller than 7cms and things that were smaller/shorter than 7cms. Some children even found objects that measured exactly 7cms too!

In **Phonics** we have been consolidating blending and segmenting words. We will move on to Phase 2 next week.

The **Nursery** children talked about autumn and looked at pumpkins. They compared pumpkin seeds and sunflower seeds, using magnifying glasses to look at them very closely. They have had lots of fun talking about and creating firework pictures too.

Request! Could we have the completed Forest School permission letter returned to school by next Tuesday please.

Thank you! To the parents that attended the curriculum meeting on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful and insightful. The PowerPoint presentations are on the website (Curriculum – subject areas – EYFS, then scroll down) if you want to read them again or download copies. For anyone that was unable to attend, the Maths handout is in your child's bag.

If you would like to hear the pure sounds demonstrated, search for 'pure sounds phonics' – the Oxford Owl video is a good one.

Please note! Next week your child will bring home a reading book in a folder with a reading record and a rocket card to sign each day that your child reads. Please only record the reading and your child's responses to the school reading book in the record book, not other books they read. We aim to hear the children read twice a week and will change the book at this time if we think the child is ready for a new one.

★ Well done to **Eva** who is Waveney Class's Star of the week! She has worked hard on lots of activities, at school and at home and she used phonics well to write the words in her autumn poem. Good work, Eva!

Home Learning

Nursery Talk about what you wear on a wet day. Get out the clothes you need. Can you put them on yourself? Can you name all the items of clothing?

Reception Collect small items that are circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles (and pentagons/hexagons/heptagons if you find any). Use them to make a picture and draw round them. Describe the properties of each shape.

Have a super weekend! Waveney Class Team