Next Week

From next week we will be altering how we change reading books. Instead of all books being changed on a Friday morning the class will be split (alphabetcically) and half the books will be changed on a WEDNESDAY and half will be changed on a FRIDAY. Please ensure your child’s book bag is in school on these days.

Thank you

Give Me 5

This week we have introduced ‘Give Me 5’ to encourage children to develop better listening skills. This is:

\*Eyes looking \*Ears Listening

\*Hands Still \* Mouth Closed

\*Brain Ready

Friday 9th November

We started this week by learning all about the history of Bonfire Night and how to make sure we can stay safe around fireworks. We have had lots of fun role playing as the fire brigade outside and making beautiful fireworks in class. We have explored the sounds that fireworks make and have been recreating them using musical instruments. This week we also enjoyed listening to the story ‘Pumpkin Soup’ by Helen Cooper, the story is about friendship and working as a team, which is something we do very well in Reception. We even made our own pot of pumpkin soup with everyone having a turn preparing the ingredients and then sharing it together as a class. It was delicious. Today we have taken some time to learn about Remembrance Day and to think about all of the soldiers who have died at war. We visited the memorial at church and made a prayer card to bring home.

 Thank you From The Reception Class Team

This week we have enjoyed…

\*Role playing as the fire brigade and using spray bottles to put out fires.

\*making and tasting pumpkin soup

\*Making potions

\* Making firework pictures

This week we have been learning…

* To keep ourselves safe when out celebrating Bonfire Night
* To describe the sounds made by fireworks
* To use the words ‘more’ and ‘fewer’ to describe groups of objects
* About the importance of being a good friend and working as a team

Reading Books

Your child will have brought home another reading book tonight. These first books have no words but you can use the sheet provided to ask questions and follow the story together. Please keep this sheet in with your child’s book in their bag. They will also have a key ring of ‘tricky words’ we would like the children to read independently. Please try to practise these daily with your child – let us know when they are able to read all the words and we will add the next set.

We are now starting to send home 2 books with some children each week. One book with words and one without. All children will move onto books with words when their confidence with their keyring words increases.

Please ensure you write in your child’s diary to let us know when they have read their books and how they have been getting on with them.

Keep in touch

\*Follow us on twitter @stgregorys\_EYFS

\*You can also contact me directly by email if you have any concerns or questions:

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\*Send observations of your child’s learning at home by replying to the 2Simple report you have already received.

\* You can also use ClassDojo to send quick messages.

**Homework**

The children will have until **Thursday 20th December** to complete as many of the challenges as possible. Thank you for support in completing the challenges so far, your contributions are really valuable to us.

Snack

In order to be able to provide a daily snack, we ask for a donation of £1 per week, per child.

Thank you for your contributions.