Trinity St Stephen Church of England First School

Compassion Trust Wisdom Friendship Peace Fellowship

Class News – Monday 9th November 2026

This week in Reception:

This week we will be continuing our learning about Autumn and read the book 'The Squirrels that Squabbled.' We will have a go at writing a simple caption to go with the story.

Phonics:

This week we will introduce the sounds **'h' and 'b'**. We will use Monster Phonic actions and songs to help support the learning. We will re-cap the tricky words we have learnt so far.

Maths:

This week we will be teaching the White Rose unit 'Circles and Triangles'. We will be looking at shapes in our environment, making shape pictures, sorting and describing shapes. We will also continue our counting skills and writing numbers.

Home Learning:

★Please listen to your child read their books at least 5 times a week, date and sign the reading record. Make sure the reading packs are in their school bags everyday.
★The children can bring in an item for phonics on Friday that begins with the sounds **'h' and 'b'**.
★Please continue to practise name writing using their name cards. Remember to make sure your child is holding a pencil using the tripod 'snappy fingers' grip to write their name. They need a capital letter for the first letter.
★Practise writing some of the other letters we have learnt so far. If you want a challenge you could write some cvc words such as mat, pit, tap.
★Please help your child practise the sounds and make sure the sound book is in their book bag the following Thursday so the new sounds can be stuck in.
★Can you spot some shapes around your home or outside environment?
★Keep practise putting on shoes and coats, pulling the arms the right way and doing zips.

Other Matters:

★The show and tell dates have gone home so feel free to make them as creative as you like but photos or drawings would be best as the children will be standing in front of their peers. We will help read any words.
★PE day is on a Tuesday & Bikes is on Friday – your child needs to wear their PE kit to school with sensible outdoor shoes such as Velcro trainers.
★We will be visiting our **library every Wednesday**. Your child should have a book to enjoy reading at home. Please ensure this is in their bag the following Wednesday so they can choose a new one.
★Please make sure **ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED** and any other personal items such as school bags.

Thank you!