



John of Rolleston Foundation News



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Teaching and Learning This Week

This week the teaching and learning has been based around the theme of Autumn. The children have drawn and labelled what they can see at Autumn time, used a range of materials to create a hedgehog, explored and investigated Autumnal objects from nature and counted sets of Autumnal objects to find the total. They have also had the opportunity to engage within other 'Autumn' themed learning activities.

Ideas for learning at home

Go on an Autumn walk and look for seasonal changes.

Collect leaves, conkers, fir cones on your walk to take home. These could be used for sorting activities, to create art, counting practice, to create repeating patterns etc.

Also revisit the graphemes/phonemes s a t p i n m d g o. Can your child recognise and write each of them?

Morning Procedures After Half Term

The children have settled extremely well this half term and are enjoying learning.

In order to encourage your child to become increasingly independent, after the half term break we ask that all children come into the setting on their own in the morning when they arrive at school. Should you wish to speak in person to your child's teacher then you will be able to go into the setting, otherwise a member of the team will still be on the gate to take messages and answer your queries.

Thank you for your support.

Class photo

Look out for our class photos in Friday 26 October's Burton Mail

Reading Packets

Please ensure that your child brings their reading books and diary every day to school. Library books are changed on a Thursday.

Thank you ☺

Outdoor Learning

There will be outdoor learning tomorrow Friday 26 October 2018. Please send your child in uniform and their outdoor learning clothes in a separate bag.

Thank you ☺

Letters and sounds

Red Room and Blue Room:

Learn the phoneme and graphemes for **g** & **o**. The children have been listening for these sounds in words, exploring how we can read words with these phonemes (robot arms - segmenting and blending) and practising writing the grapheme for both **g** & **o**.

Number Groups

Red Room and Blue Room:

This week we have continued to explore 2D shapes. Children have spent time investigating more about the properties of shapes e.g. the number of sides a shape has, does the shape have straight sides or curved sides and how many corners (if any) the shapes has. Children have used this knowledge to sort the shapes by their properties.