



ACORN CLASS

21st October 2016

Dear parents

In phonics the children have learnt the phase 2 sounds 'r', 'e' and 'u', and they have continued working on blending these sounds. The children have been learning to listen for the sounds in words and in particular segmenting the high frequency words 'is', 'it', 'and', 'in' and 'at'. This week's tricky words have been 'the', 'I' and 'to'.

This week the children have continued to think about harvest. The children have enjoyed using pumpkins! They have been rolling them, calculating how to make them roll further. They have made their own pumpkins by threading two plates together. The children have been peeling and grating pumpkins and scooping out the insides! They have been thinking about the vegetables and the equipment they would need to make pumpkin soup and some have been recording this as a recipe. On Thursday there was great excitement as we actually made pumpkin soup! The children peeled and chopped up vegetables to put in the soup maker. Then we all had a taste!

We have continued working on 'The Story of the Little Red Hen'. The class finished drawing their story map. The children talked about speech and thought bubbles and when they needed to use a question mark. They then used the story map to retell the story in their own words. The children used the iPad to record their story telling. The children also thought about sharing. They thought about whether the Little Red Hen should have shared the bread at the end of the story and what they themselves would have decided to do.

The children have continued working on counting using 1 to 1 correspondence. Activities this week have included counting the correct number of acorns for the squirrels and counting the number of falling leaves caught. The children have also been weighing and comparing different types of vegetables using different types of scales.

The children have had such a brilliant start and really deserve a super half term break. Have a lovely relaxing week.

Sarah and Kate