Reception News

Dear families,

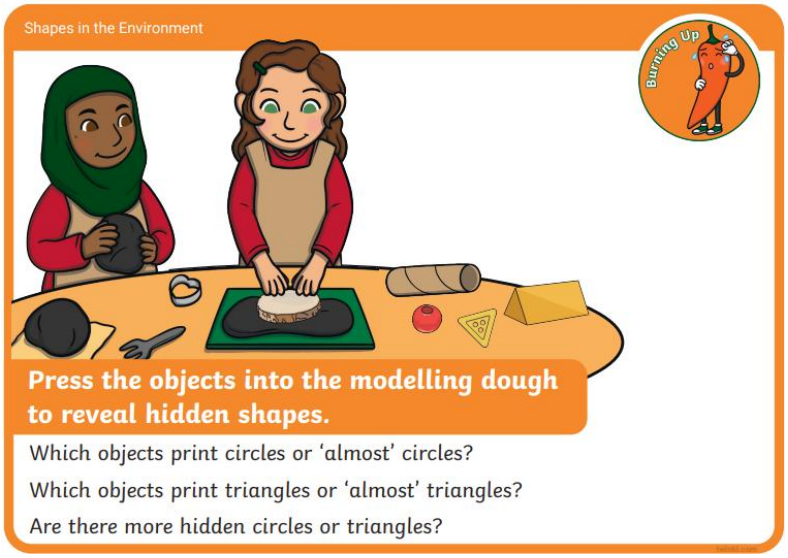
We have had a wonderful week exploring Autumn and Bonfire Night. The left-over pumpkins from the sale before half term have been put to great use this week. Our Preschool friends set up a pumpkin shop in the outdoor classroom, we held our own 'Pumpkin Hyrox' as we built our arm muscles carrying and rolling larger pumpkins and in the classroom we studied the work of Yayoi Kusama, decorating them with dots.

This week we have finished Level 2 phonics with the friendly letters ff, ll, ss and s where it says z (is, pigs, legs, has). Over the next few weeks we will begin Level 3 with the final single letter sounds before embarking on digraphs. Please do keep practising the flashcards with your child. 'I spy' games, letter hunt in newspapers or magazines (give them a highlighter and challenge them to find a particular sound), chalking graphemes on the patio and asking them to hose off a phoneme you say – all and any ideas will continue to support their understanding. As we teach more sounds, with increasing difficulty, it is important these single letter sounds are cemented as firmly as possible to support developing reading, spelling and writing skills.

Children will continue to bring blending words home to practise on Wednesday, with a reading book and new flashcards or tricky words on Friday. Please see our updated timetable below:

	Bring to school	**Coming home from school**
Monday	Water bottle to school Reading diary and book RVH Library bags	RVH Library bags
Tuesday	RCAH Library bags	RCAH Library bags
Wednesday	Games kit	Blending words to practise
Thursday	PE kit Reading diary Flashcards wallet	
Friday	Water bottle home	Reading diary, book, flashcards

Our maths this week has focussed on circles and triangles. We have discussed the properties of these shapes, including the number of sides or edges, corners. We have noted that a circle is a flat shape not a solid or 3D shape like a ball. We were also amazed to discover that triangles can rotate and still be triangles! For homework this week we would like you to explore the challenge below. You will need some play dough and a selection of small objects that are suitable for pressing into the playdough, such as beads, buttons, cardboard tubes, boxes, cotton reels and plastic 3D shapes.



To extend and deepen your child's understanding, you may like to use these questions and prompts:

- What shapes can you see?
- How do you know that this is a circle/triangle?
- How do you know that this is not a circle/ triangle?
- What is special about a circle/triangle?
- How are these shapes similar?
- What is different about these shapes?
- What makes this shape an 'almost' circle/ triangle?

As ever, please share your investigations on Seesaw.

To those of you coming to school for the SFPA Fireworks this evening, we hope you have wonderful, safe time.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team