Reception Class News

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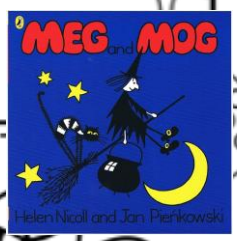




Literacy

This week we have enjoyed the classic story *Meg and Mog* by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski. The story is about a witch called Meg and her stripy cat Mog. They love to do spells but in one spell something goes wrong and she turns all of her witch friends into mice! The children loved this part of the story and enjoyed joining in chanting the spell! There were lots of opportunities to read and write cvc words like Meg, Mog, hat, bat, cat, bed. The witches were called Jess, Tess, Bess and Cress which worked perfectly with our phonics as one of our new sounds this week was **ss** at the end of words! We tasted Meg's breakfast! Milk, bread, cocoa, eggs (scrambled and boiled!) and a kipper!





Phonics

In phonics we have been recapping all that we have learnt from last half term - practising our tricky words, all the letters and their sounds that we know and using them to read some words with 3 letters like, cat, dog, man etc.

We have learnt the new sounds:

ll, ff, ss, j

New tricky words:

put, pull, full, as



Wonderful Witches

The children loved dressing up as witches. The mud kitchen has been a hive of activity with many spooky spells and potions being made! One even turned Mrs Beaden into a frog – ribbit!





We loved learning about bonfires and fireworks and we all talked about how to keep safe. We shared our experiences of Bonfires we had been to and fireworks we had seen in the sky. Some of us enjoyed listening to the loud bangs, whilst others found them a bit frightening. We enjoyed learning a little bit about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, and that this is why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We talked about how to keep animals safe on Bonfire night and make sure that they don't get too frightened.





Maths

This week in maths we have been learning one less than a given number. We enjoyed the story *A Squash and a Squeeze*. In the story the characters leave the house one by one. We played some listening games where the children had to show one less. The teacher clapped 3 times the children had to clap 2 times – more difficult then you think! Show one more finger. There were 2 frogs on a log and 1 jumped into the pool. 1 less than 2 is 1.

Next week

- Remembrance – Poppies
- Poppy art
- Phonic sounds **v, w, x, y**
- Literacy – *Rosie's Walk*
- Maths – *Circles and Triangles*
- Shape pictures – *what do you see?*
- Making maps – our journey to school / farmyard story map
- Reading – new books – amazing readers!

