

Dear Parents

It has been another busy week in Reception Class, we have even had to mention the 'c' word that shouldn't be used before half term at least! The children have been designing their own Christmas cards for FOAS and you will have the opportunity to buy packs of their design to send to friends and family, once the sample card is returned to school from the printers.

Phonics

We continue to be impressed with how keen the children are to learn the day's sound and how well they are remembering the previous sounds.

This week we have continued with our phonics session, teaching the following letter sounds **l**, **f**, **j**, **b**, and **ai**. We introduced the term digraph when we learnt the **ai** sound (two letters making one sound) and modelled to the children how to join the two letters together to help them understand the concept of two letters making one sound. The children are working really well during these sessions and are picking up the sounds and actions brilliantly. We have had some super attempts at sounding out simple words and trying to write them on our whiteboards.

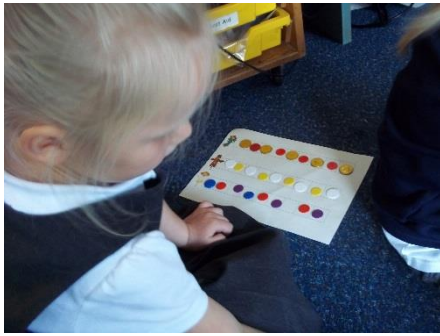


After the unfortunate cancellation of our Harvest Festival in church we took part in our own celebration at school. The children sang a fabulous song about a combine harvester and performed brilliantly in front of the rest of the school. Thank you to everyone who donated tinned food.

We have continued the harvest theme in class this week with the children drawing pictures of harvest in their green busy books and having a go at writing the initial sounds. Some children were even attempting full words such as pumpkin and tractor. You should also have received a letter yesterday with details of a trip we have planned for the children during the last week of this half term. We are very excited and are sure the children will have a fantastic time.

We have had focus on repeating patterns this week in Maths. During our carpet time we have been trying to guess the next shape in the pattern which has also helped reinforce our understanding of shapes and their different names. This is an activity your child can play at home using this link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>

The children also created their own scarecrow patterns using coloured counters as the crops for in the field.



A brilliant week Reception class. Well done.

Mrs Copeland and Mrs McCarthy

Reminders:

- If you haven't already done so, please sign up for a 10 minute appointment for parent's evening where as well as having time to talk to us, you will be able to view your child's learning journey and busy book.
- Please confirm by **Tuesday 16th October** if you require a school packed lunch for our trip to Spilman's Farm.
- Please keep looking at the class page as more photos are added our learning page all the time and if you have a twitter account you can follow us at @AlnePrimary