Reception Newsletter
23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we read the story **'The Leaf Thief'** by Alice Hemming. The children really enjoyed their Autumn walk around the school grounds, collecting leaves and talking about what they have found. They have enjoyed making their own Autumn trees, making their leaf person, Autumn wreaths and squirrels. In phonics, we have been consolidating their phase 2 phonic sounds and tricky words: I, is, the. In Maths, we were exploring capacity and weight. We have been using language such as **heavier, lighter, balance, scales, heavy, light, weight, mass, capacity, full, empty, half full, nearly full, most and least.** Please review the phonics over previous weeks which have been attached to the newsletters.

Next half term, we will be introducing our exciting new topic **'Fantasy and Adventures'**. Our first story of this topic will be 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. In maths, we will be subsisting to 3.

After the holidays, we will be changing for our PE session in the hall. Children need a white t-short and navy shorts (no plimsolls and no trousers). Please can this be in the Brookland drawstring PE bag so the children can identify their PE bag from their spare clothes bag. **PLEASE** ensure all items are labelled clearly with your child's name on it.

Spare clothes bags will be sent home to be checked and refilled. Please ensure your child has the following spare clothes; jumper, t-shirt, leggings/trousers, socks, underwear. **These do not need to be school uniform.** Please return these on **Monday 2nd November.**

Reminders

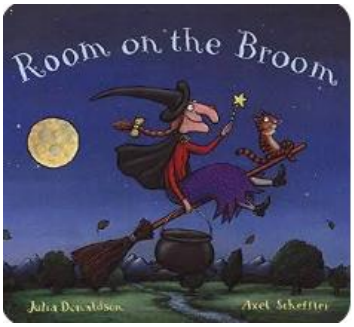
- Please can the book bags be returned **every Wednesday** so your child can change their library books. Unfortunately, if your child does not bring back their library book, they will not be allowed to borrow another book the following week.

Requests

- If you celebrate Diwali in November, we'd love parents to come to the class to talk about Diwali and how it is celebrated. Please speak to your class teacher to find a day and time that works 😊

Future Dates

- Half Term – School closed – **26th October – 1st November**
- Children to return to school – **Monday 2nd November**
- Zones of Regulation Workshop **– Wednesday 4th November**
- Individual photos – **Monday 9th November**
- Parent Consultations – **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November**
- School fireworks night - **Saturday 14th November**



Have a lovely and restful break!

The Reception Team ☺