

Reception News

Autumn 1 Week 8 - 22nd October 2021

What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have been learning the sounds **k**, **ck** and **b**. We have had a lovely time looking at many things that have these sounds in, either at the beginning, in the middle or at the end of the words. We tasted some lovely things too - **crackers** and chocolate **buttons** - and we learned that the sound **ck** is called a "digraph" (2 letters which make 1 sound). We have been reading and writing words that contain these sounds too.
- ◆ During our visit to Ten Town this week, we listened to a story and a song about "**Seal Six**" and we learned how to write '6' correctly. Also in Maths, we have been copying some repeating patterns and making our own using 2D shapes too. We even tried to describe our shape patterns (e.g. orange square, green triangle, orange square, green triangle).
- ◆ Having learnt about how Christians celebrate Harvest, we have now been learning about how Jewish people celebrate with a similar festival called **Sukkot**.

Homework

Maths

- Practise forming **Seal Six** in the yellow "Between Us" book & on the "Ten Town" website.
- Choose some objects for your child to use to make a repeating pattern. You could take a photograph & stick it into your child's yellow book - we'd love to see your child's pattern!

Literacy

- Continue to practise recognising the sight words in the clear packets.
- Recap on all of our taught sounds. Practise forming **k**, **ck** & **b** in their yellow books.
- *Please continue to make a comment about your child's reading every week.*

It was lovely to be able to speak with you all at our new style **Parents' Evenings** on Monday and Tuesday of this week and to be able to tell you all about how your child is settling into life here at Shincliffe. Thank you so much for making the time to speak to us.

Time to Celebrate!

We would like to get a picture of the traditions, customs and celebrations your child participates in across the year - this is a huge help us with completing your child's EYFS Profile towards the end of their time with us. As such, we would really appreciate it if you could fill in one of the enclosed sheets for your child at appropriate times and send it back to us to include in their Learning Journeys. With Halloween and Bonfire Night both coming up in the next couple of weeks, we thought it might be a good time to send these home!

We are happy to provide more of these "Time to Celebrate" sheets during the course of the school year, should you need them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Can you believe we are at the end of the first half term? The children have done so well; settling in, learning new routines and coping with long days and they have learnt so much in the seven and a bit weeks that we have been at school. Congratulations to them and to you as their parents/carers for such positive support. There are a few little homework jobs to do but it is just as important for them to enjoy lovely days out if they have the chance.

Happy half term!

Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester