

OCTOBER 22ND 2021

# RECEPTION

BOUNDS GREEN SCHOOL

Dear Parents/carers,

We have reached the end of the first half term. Time certainly does fly when you're having fun! The children (and teachers...) are ready for a well-earned rest over the half term break. Have a good week everyone, and we will see you back at school on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

## Phonics

This week in Phonics, the children had a go at finding objects that begin with different sounds e.g. 's', 'a' and 't'. We also focused on oral blending while making 'Silly Soup' and when following robotic instructions e.g. can you find something r-e-d (red)? Please note, Oral blending involves merging the sounds you hear together in your head.

## Maths

In Maths, we introduced the children to a new story, 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. We read the story and introduced the language of 'more' and 'fewer'. We discussed that there are more animals in the story and fewer people. Following this session, the children worked in their key groups. We placed a selection of toy animals in hoops and the children had a go at answering the following questions: Which group has more? How can we make them have the same amount? How can we make this group have more? Later in the week, we did some number work using characters from the story along with number fans.

## Other activities

We read the book, 'So Much' and talked about extended families e.g. cousins, grandparents, uncles etc and what we might do with our families e.g. watch a film or read together.

## Half term reading challenge

Please take a photo of your child reading for our reading display. The photo can be taken in any location and with any reading matter e.g. a fairy tale book, cook book, map or comic. Please email your photo to your child's class email address or bring one in to school after the half term break.

## EvidenceMe

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who have uploaded and shared weekend activities with us on EvidenceMe. Please continue to upload photos during half term as this will support us in having valuable class discussions when we return to school.

## Notices:

- After half term, we will be learning about 'People in Our Community'. If there are any parents who work in the dental industry and are willing to take some time to speak to our children in person or via Zoom, then speak to a member of staff.
- 01.11.21 – INSET Day – whole school closed
- Reception Parents' Evening: Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November 2021. Please book a slot using the SchoolCloud online booking system.
- In order to celebrate Diwali on **Thursday 4th November**, we would like children to come to school dressed in bright clothing.
- Thank you for all your bottle top donations. we now have enough for each class and no longer need any more.

Thank you,  
The Reception Team

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