



## Derwentwater Reception | Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we read the story 'Leaf Man' and have been exploring Autumn. The children predicted what would happen in the story and recalled events in the story. The children had the opportunity to go on an Autumn walk and search for signs of Autumn in our garden.

In Maths, the children have been learning about repeating patterns. The children used the objects they collected in their Autumn Walk to make repeating patterns. They have also been spotting mistakes in repeating patterns.

We have continued to develop our letter formation and oral blending.

We have been practising our 'Perfect Pencil Grip' when writing and drawing. We use our three 'worker' fingers for holding the pencil or pen.



This week are stars of the week are:

- Turtles - Zoe
- Dolphins - Maria

### Important Information

- Half Term Dates - This term will end on Friday the 22nd of October, and the next term will begin on Tuesday 2nd November.
- Resource Donation- We are asking for a donation of £2 per half term or £10 for the year from each child to cover the cost of cooking supplies and other non-reusable resources (e.g. bread for making sandwiches or flour and oil for making playdough).
- Please can you bring in a spare pair of clothes in a bag to leave at school in case of emergencies!
- As we're getting ready to send reading books home, please ensure your child is bringing their book bag to school every day.
- Just a reminder that all parents are to say goodbye to their children at the door. A teacher will be at the door to welcome all children. Now that all children have settled, it is important that we help them with their independence to come in each morning.

Next week - Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> of October

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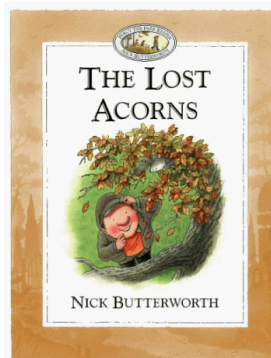
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## Focus Book -

Next week, we are focusing on the book 'The Lost Acorns' by Nick Butterworth. The children will be predicting what will happen in the story and will be recalling events. We will also learn about hedgehogs and hibernation next week.



In Maths, we will be learning all about numbers 1, 2 and 3 in great depth. We will also learn how to use a number line and count forwards and backwards to 20.

## Ideas for Home

- Supporting Independence
- Children getting dressed on their own in the morning
- Practising buttons and zips
- Practising cutting skills
- Children feeding themselves
- Children washing their hands
- Children keeping a clean body
- Children drinking plenty of water
- Children blowing their own noses

Phonics links - Please watch these videos with your children at home each week for homework.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VJsYkPtj/JxQkwsrg>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NNsbq7Wm/tAHFTvyW>

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## Keywords

These are words you could discuss with your child at home over the weekend

- Hibernate
- Fur
- Feathers
- Claws
- Spiky
- Number line
- Forwards
- Backwards

Many thanks for your support,  
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