Peek at the Week

Friday 9th October 2026

Exploring Fruit and vegetables

This week, we have been exploring fruits and vegetables. We learned the difference between a fruit and a vegetable - that a fruit starts as a flower and that vegetables can be any part of a plant, roots, stems or leaves. The children used adjectives to describe how the fruit and vegetables looked, felt, smelt and tasted. Some of the fruits and vegetables were new to the children, and some were more familiar.

We read a story about friends, who collaborate to make a delicious pumpkin soup and we told the children that next week, we are going to make our own pumpkin soup, using the ingredients from the story.



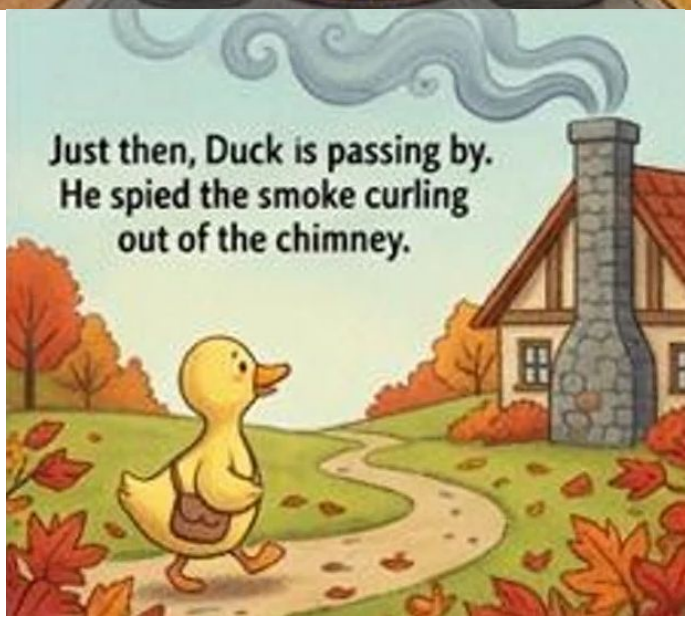
The children were asked to design their own delicious soup using any fruit and vegetables they liked and they shared their soup ideas with the rest of the class.

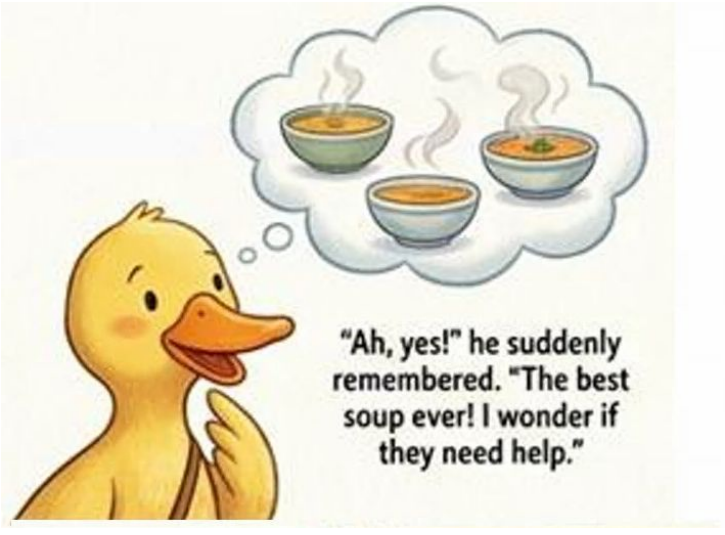
Finally, we made a class pictogram to represent the most and least popular of the fruits and vegetables that we tasted.

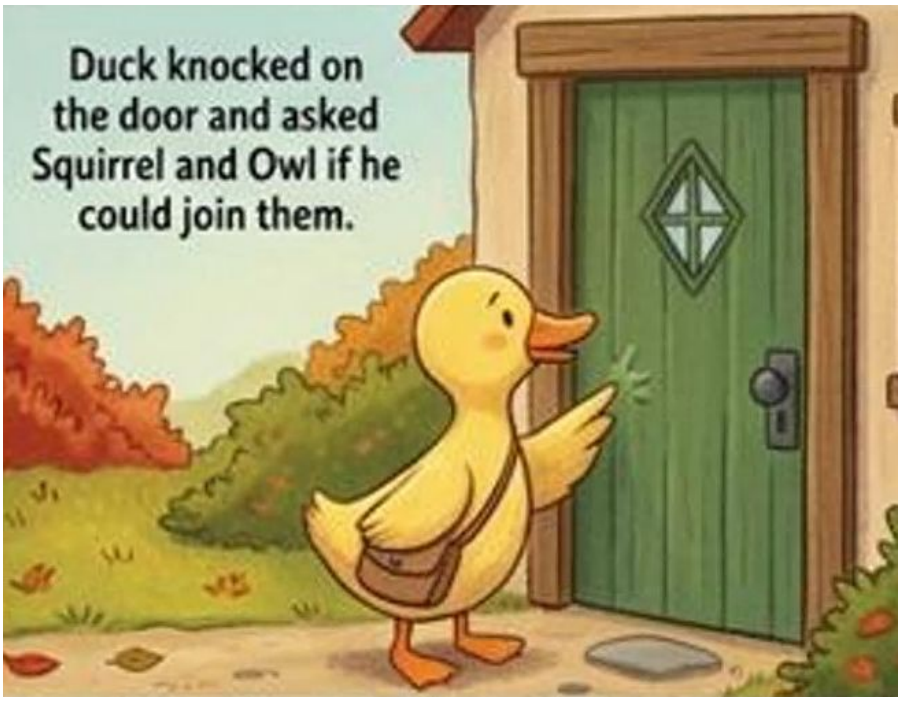
The Best Pumpkin Soup

This is the story that we read to the children before they designed their own fruit and vegetable soups recipes.








Duck knocked on the door and asked Squirrel and Owl if he could join them.


"Yes, you can!" they replied.
"We first need to peel the pumpkin."
They pointed Duck to the huge, lumpy fruit.


So Duck set to work peeling and scraping the tough pumpkin skin.

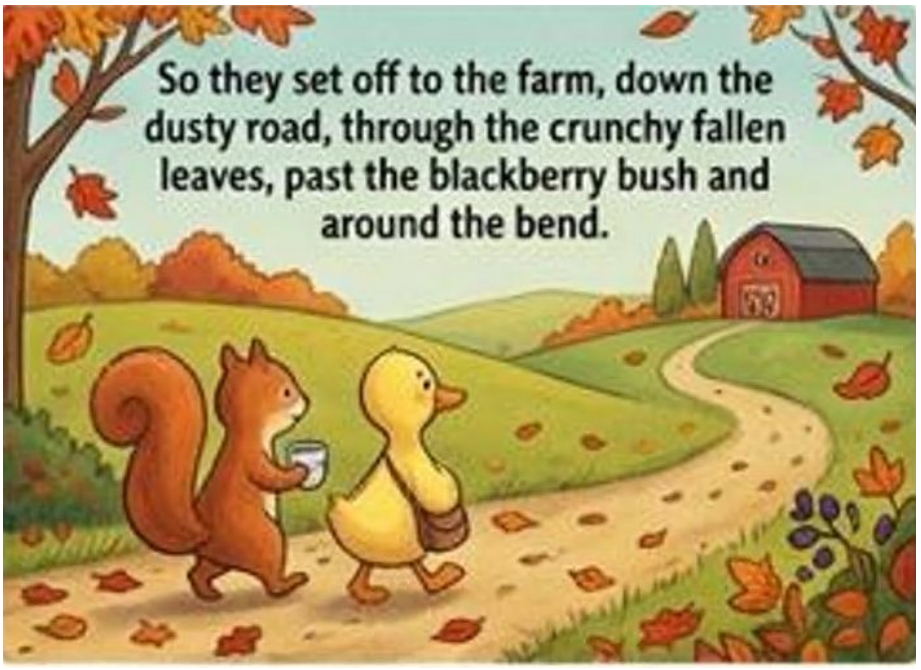

Meanwhile, Squirrel and Owl gathered ingredients. Squirrel checked the recipe: "Onion? Garlic? Sweet Potato? Carrots?"

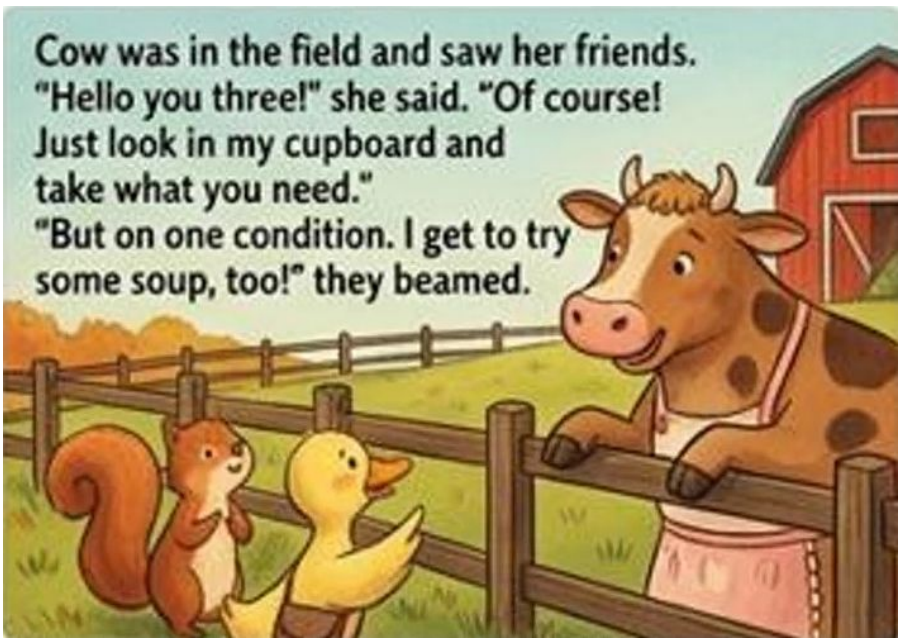

"The last ingredient," announced Squirrel, "is vegetable stock." Owl opened the cupboard and his eyes grew wide. "No vegetable stock!"

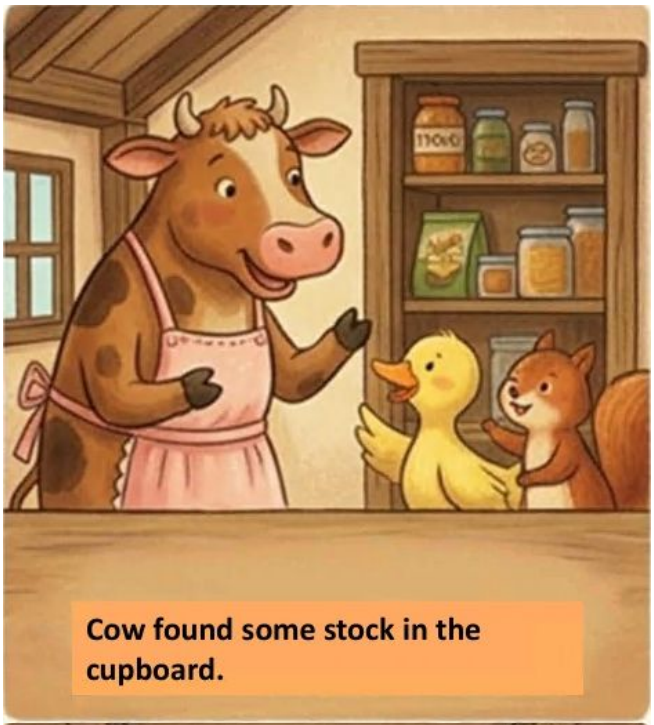

Suddenly, everyone panicked. There was none left! Without stock, would their soup still be the best? They sat deep in thought.

Then Owl had a fantastic idea,
"We should visit Cow at the farm down the lane! She might have some vegetable stock."





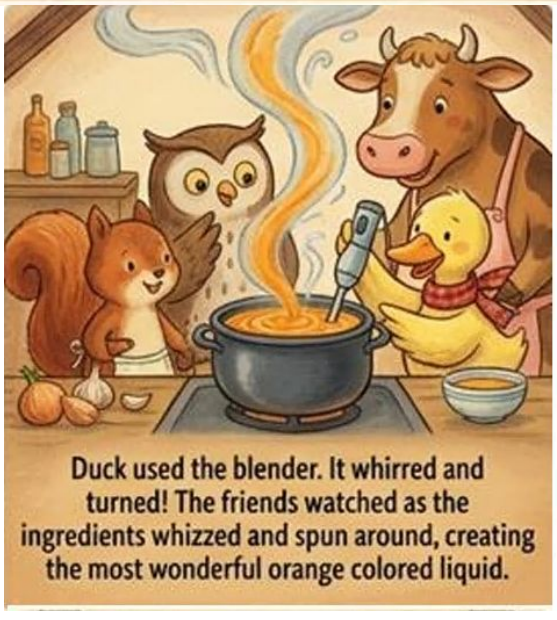




Cow found some stock in the cupboard.



Back in the kitchen, Owl made sure everything was cooked. "Yes!" he said. Squirrel carefully poured in the vegetable stock.



Duck used the blender. It whirred and turned! The friends watched as the ingredients whizzed and spun around, creating the most wonderful orange colored liquid.



Forest School

The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

Forest School timetable:

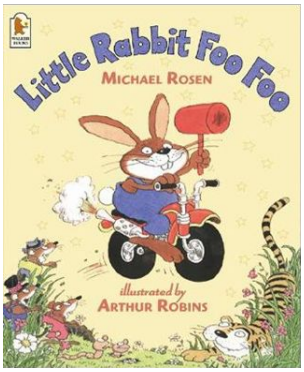


October	November
15 - Bronze	5 - Bronze
22 - Silver	12 - Silver
	19 - Bronze
	26 - Silver

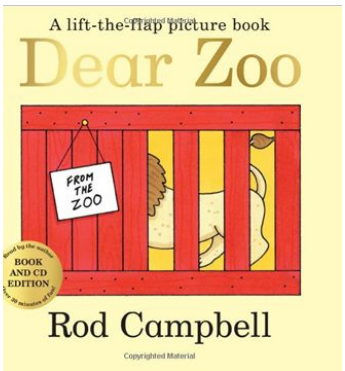
3-a-day Stories

Every half term we focus on three stories which the children learn to recite with us at key points. The stories introduce various story elements such as, repetition and rhyme as well as helping them to learn to tell a story in the correct order.

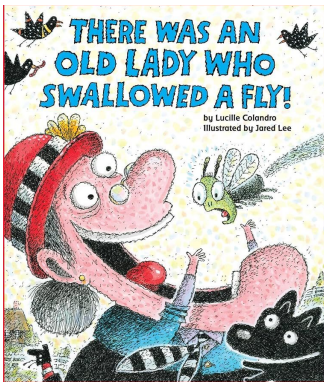
This half term we are reading :



Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen,
A mischievous rabbit ignores the Good Fairy's warnings to stop using his hammer to bop characters on the head…



Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
A child writes to the zoo to ask for a pet, but what arrives…

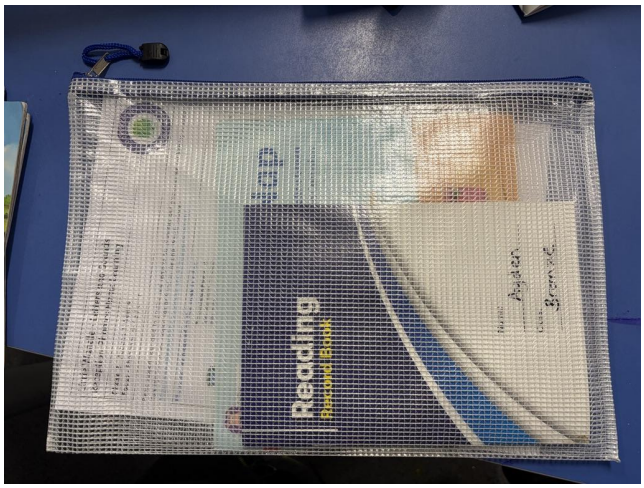


There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly!
By Lucille Colandro
An old lady swallows a fly and then tries to swallow a series of other animals to catch it…

Books and Book Bags

Your child is now bringing home a Library Book and a Reading Book every week. Please keep them in your child's Book Bag. We aim to change Reading Books on Thursdays and Library Books on Fridays, but, sometimes timetables change and we need to change books on different days. It makes that much easier if the books are always in your child's book bag

Reading Records will be taken in on Wednesdays or Thursday. Your child will be given a sticker on their bookmark for reading at least 4 times a week.



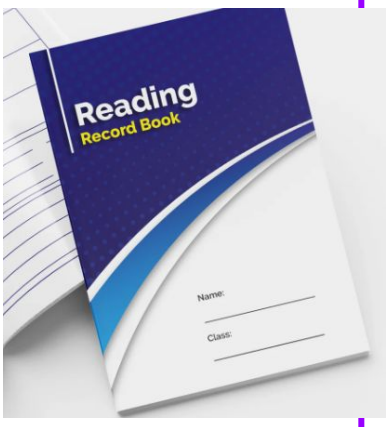
Each child has been given a zipped folder to protect their reading records, reading books and home learning. Please keep these items in the folder.

Reading Records

Your child now has their reading record. Please keep it in your child's book bag so that they are in school every day. Your child will receive 1 sticker on their bookmark every week during term time. All children are expected to read at least 4 times a week.



In order to fit in with the rest of the school's sticker numbers, we have given your child extra stickers to cover the first 5 weeks. After that your child will receive one sticker each week if they have done at least 4 reads in that week ,and you have recorded it in their reading record.



Important Dates

Parents' Evenings - Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October. The booking system is now live please book to see your teacher. A Book Fair runs in the school hall on the same evening. Lots of fabulous books will be available to buy.

INSET Day - **Friday 23rd October**

Half term holiday - **Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026**

First Day Autumn 2 - **Monday 2nd November 2026**

Early Birds - Fine Motor Activities - 10th November (see Events Calendar)

Reception Parent/Carer Events 2026-27

September

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October

Phonics Workshop
Thursday 15th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

November

Early Birds: Fine Motor Activities
Tuesday 10th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver Classrooms.

December

Maths Workshop
Thursday 3rd
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

January

Live Phonics
Wednesday 20th
8:45-9:30am
Bronze and Silver Classrooms

February

Writing Workshop
Thursday 11th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

March

Early Birds: Maths
Wednesday 17th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver Classrooms

April

Live Maths Meeting
Thursday 15th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver Classrooms.

May

Proud Moments and Wow Books
Wednesday 5th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver Classrooms

June

Family Reading Celebration
Thursday 17th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver Classrooms

July

Early Birds Summer Holiday Activities
Tuesday 13th
8:30-9:15am

August

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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School Dinner Menu

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:
https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114

Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

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