



6th November 2023

OPAL CLASS

What a busy 'First Week' we had to the start of the term! Thank you to all families for supporting the children with their costumes and pumpkins –they looked amazing! (Great pumpkin carving by the way!) The Spooky Picnic day was a real hit and I can't believe how much learning we covered in the day + the week! So much science from cooking popcorn (farming - where does corn come from?) to floating and sinking pumpkins, not to mention all the rhyming and stories read! Watch this space about Christmas....the children will probably come home talking about what we are going to do!

This week we are going to have another busy week:

Literacy: Core text from now until Christmas is The Gingerbread Man

Numeracy: Recognising amounts 1-3 without counting, 1 more than and 1 less than within 1-3

Understanding the World: What is the Christmas Nativity?

Understanding the World/Geography: Take the Gingerbread Man on a tour of around the village of St Day, photograph then place in chronological order of walk

Understanding the World/Science: Plant bulbs for Christmas

This week's key reminders:

- **PE - Friday** (Children come to school already dressed in their PE kits ready for the morning thank you)
- **SEND Tea and Talk** - 8th November
- **Anti-Bullying Week 'Odd Socks Day'** – 13th November
- **Children in Need Fundraising (RRS)**– 17th November

Boom Reader

Welcome to Boom Reader. This is St Day and Carharracks Digital Reading Record platform. Every time your child reads with us in school we will record this online and ask that you do the same. This removes the need for paper copies of reading records (that usually get lost) and is a record of your child's journey of reading throughout their whole period of time in school. In order to access your child's record please follow the instructions on the letter I hand out to you on Monday. It is really easy but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Please note it is still early on in the term so if your child has not yet been assigned a 'RWInc sound blending book' please do not worry. We share books with the children every day and endeavour to either go through the RWInc sound cards with children individually or hear them read their RWInc sound blending books. Library books are changed every Friday.



Book Bags Homework Folders and Reading Books

Please could ALL children bring their Book Bags to school every day, including their homework folders and the children's sound blending books (if they have started these only). I have noticed some of the RWInc sound blending books not in children's book bags. The school have invested a lot of money in the RWInc scheme. Unfortunately missing books will now have to be paid for so please be sure to keep the books in the children's book bags. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Healthy Snack

Thank you to everyone for supporting us in the promotion of healthy eating in school. The children really love this time of day, when we all sit down together to eat and chat. (Great time for maths as well!!) I have noticed a few sneaky 'packet of crisps' and 'chocolate bars' creeping in. Please could I suggest crackers, cheese dippers or fruit instead. Thank you!

High Frequency Words

Please note we are going to start learning our common exception words (high frequency words) in school. These are words that cannot be easily blended e.g. sounded out like the word c-a-t phonetically. These words pop up everywhere and need to be learnt by learning them by sight. There is no expectation of test at the end of the week and I really stress that parents support their children at home by making the learning fun and playful.

New words this week includes: **no go by my** (I've added a couple more)

The link below has lots of fantastic fun ideas you can pinch at home to help your children learn these words at home.

<https://phonicsfamilycom.wordpress.com/> Phonics Family

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Week beginning Monday 9/10/23	Week beginning Monday 16/10/23	Week beginning Monday 30/10/23	Week beginning Monday 6/11/23	Week beginning Monday 13/11/23	Week beginning Monday 20/11/23
to I the	to I the you	to I the you by my	to I the you by my go no	to I the you by my go no he me	to I the you by my go no he me we she be

Read Write Inc

The letters we aim to learn this week include: **y w z**

Watch these great film clips of Fred and Elly learning RWInc. Go to the following links on the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc site online:

For the sound r: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/b46Yhpcd/QiVwK6Cg>

For the sound j: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tP1yfVRv/UZNsJEzL>

For the sound v: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xKDEp1id/gjYlzX93>

For the sound e: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3tbFMAGX/Xjk6FIH>

For the sound l: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SQyj4LXi/lm55c0nR>

For the sound h: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XEuuBvRH/pV1W2Kfm>

For the sound u: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3RpaB9wk/wNt2P1wB>

For the sound b: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WSP8excs/ZUySEZRz>

For the sound f: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/t7l8Aeck/GsxVu5gs>

For the sound o: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/laUL8MuN/SEv7Kob2>

For the sound c: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qmm6nC67/o4y9lARi>

For the sound k: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9eaDo5E9/4uHAN71M>

Any queries any time please ask!!

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