



This week we have learnt the letter sounds m, n, p and i. We have looked at how we form these letters correctly. Please continue to help your child to practice forming these letters correctly. We have also begun to look at blending sounds to read simple words containing these letters e.g. pin, in, tin.

We have been reading the story of The Little Red Hen and the children have all really enjoyed making bread. They also enjoyed tasting the different breads that they made. Towards the end of the week we made some delicious Harvest soup and wrote our own lists of ingredients. We used these activities as a way into talking about *Harvest*. This is in preparation for our Harvest Festival celebration in Church on Monday 6th October 2014.

In maths we have been looking at our numicon resources and we have focused on recognising different quantities. We have explored putting different quantities together and seeing what totals we can make. We have continued to work on comparing numbers using more and fewer.

We have been encouraging the children to have a go at printing and using a print technique. We have used different harvest fruits and vegetables to print and have also looked at some aboriginal art work and used a dot printing technique to make pictures of animals.

This Week's Home Learning Challenge: Printing

This week we would like your child to create a piece of art using a 'print' technique. They could use any object they like as a printing tool e.g. cotton reel, lego brick, fruit, vegetable, cotton wool bud, corks, plastic figures etc. The piece of work could be a picture, a pattern or an abstract design.

Please talk to your child and ensure they are printing rather than painting with the object. Encourage your child to think about patterning and colour and talk to them about what they might like to do.

Next Thursday (9th October) we will be looking at art work that has been created with natural food colours. We will be looking again at Aboriginal art work and talking about how they used natural plant and fruit extracts to create pictures to tell stories.

We would like the children to bring in some berries and leaves to use for painting. We will be extracting the juices and using these to create pictures or patterns. We would like the children to bring in any type of berry (blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, strawberry etc.) and some leaves. Fern leaves are great for this activity. It would be ideal if you could send in your fruit and leaves in a small zip lock bag. The children will not be eating the berries and will be carefully supervised to ensure they do not do so!

Thank You.

