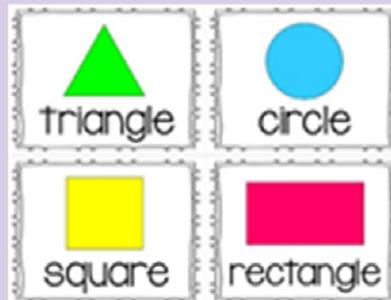


# YEAR GROUP NEWS

19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Reception



This week the children have been learning about 2D shapes, as well as learning their names we have also found out about sides, corners and whether the sides are straight or curved. The children have enjoyed sorting the shapes into groups and we have worked together in groups to explain the features of different 2D shapes.

We have started to learn more about self-portraits, beginning by looking carefully at the shape of our heads. We practised drawing lots of oval shapes to get ready to draw ourselves.

We have started to learn to write the letters; s, i, a and t in phonics and we are using these letters to write the ending to our own We're Going on a Bear Hunt stories. We are changing the ending so the family find a different animal in the cave!

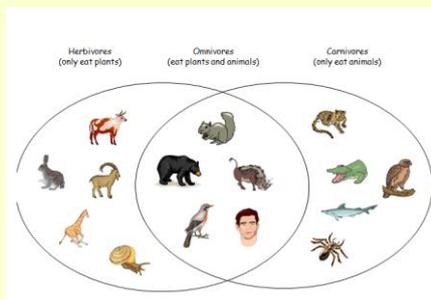
If you would like to practise anything in particular over half term, we have put a letter formation sheet in the children's book bags for you to practise writing letters. The sheet shows where to start the letters and which way to form the letters. Please use the sheet to refer to rather than write on. We have started with s, a, t and i in phonics and we will be forming n and p next. We have also started to use the children's name cards to help them to be able to write their names correctly, using a capital letter only at the beginning of their names.

We are also changing the way the dinner options are chosen, the names and pots will no longer be outside the classrooms, the children tell us their lunch option when the register is taken so please discuss the lunch options with the children before school. The menu is attached to the weekly Newsletter and it will be viewable in the classroom windows too.

Thank you for your support this half term and we hope you have a lovely half term, the children have worked really hard over the past weeks.

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## YEAR 1



This week in English the children have been writing the story of The Woods. They enjoyed using the role play puppets in the book corner to act out the story. In Maths, we have been learning about using the part whole model to make numbers to six.

We have also been busy making charity Christmas cards which will be ready for you to purchase in November!

In Science, the children have been learning about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Can they name some? After half term we will continue with our topic about animals. We would like the children to bring in a photo of their pet or their favourite animal.

Thank you for your support, have a good half term.

## YEAR 2



Thanks to everyone who attended Parents' meetings yesterday.

The children have worked hard over the past half term and we hope they enjoy a fun half term break. If you have time, try to check out some of Autumn Watch New England. It's been really interesting with lots of information on predators, prey and habitats which all link in with our Science.