



Week beginning: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Class R weekly newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Autumn Term! This half term our theme is all about MAGIC! This begins with Halloween and our theme this week is a little bit spooky. We will be carving a pumpkin, exploring slime in the water tray, making gingerbread Halloween characters and of course, creating potions both indoors and outdoors. Children will be practicing applying their phonic knowledge to read ingredients for the potions such as 'moss' or 'mud' (outdoors) and 'pen' or 'pig' indoors. Muddy Monday begins this week again - we will be creating leaf pumpkins and making a natural magic wand: Group 1 this week and Group 2 next week.

### Learning

In Literacy we are continuing to practice and apply our new phonics skills. We will be reading spells and ingredients for magic potions. We will be writing our own potion ingredients too! This half term our focus in phonics moves to writing as well as reading. We will begin handwriting sessions for Early Morning Thinking - this week we are learning to form 'long ladder' letters l, i, t and u correctly. Our focus texts this week are: *Peppa's Pumpkin Party* and *A Magical Muddle*.

In Maths, we are continuing our learning about repeating patterns - reinforcing what we learnt previously and introducing reasoning and problem solving into our Maths. We will be learning to explain if a pattern is repeating or not and why, how we know what comes next in a repeating pattern and solving a witch's tricky problem involving bat, spider and frog patterns!

In Phonics, we will split into 3 groups. Two groups will be learning digraphs ll, ff and ss. One group will be reinforcing previous learning of the s,a,t,p letters. If children can blend to read CVC words, they are now grouped together to move their learning on more rapidly with Miss Bowker. If children are almost blending and have good recognition of phonemes, they will be in my group, and children who are not yet recognising the phonemes we have learnt will be given lots of intervention and support with Mrs Jones.

### Home Learning

Children will be reading with their Key Workers as usual this week. We will also be looking at Word Cards - **please make sure these are in your child's book bag.**

If you are feeling spooky, have a go at making the Halloween cone character your child has chosen - see their book bag. This activity supports your child with their cutting and sticking skills.

You can send evidence of home learning/ any 'Wow Moments' to: [classr@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:classr@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk)

Kind Regards, Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

#### Remember:

Monday - 1<sup>st</sup> day back. Muddy Monday  
Group 1

Wednesday - Halloween fancy dress

**Monday:** Whole school Assembly. Muddy Monday p.m

**Tuesday:** Class Assembly

**Wednesday:** Singing assembly / pm - Mrs Boon PPA / P.E.

**Thursday:** Assembly

**Friday:** Achievement assembly/ PE with Phil/ Show & Tell