Dear Parent / Carer,

This week in Phonics, we have recapped all of the sounds covered this half term (wh, oe, y, ea, ow, ve, ph, ou, ey, se, ce, le). We have revisited all of the Phase 5 tricky words taught so far. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read. Each child has been checked individually to see which sounds they know, and which sounds they are still practising. We have sent a copy of this record home in each child's reading packet so we can continue working on these sounds together.

This week in Maths, we have counted rows of equal groups of items or pictures and have started to introduce the word 'array'. We use the word array to describe an equal group that is arranged in a row. This is how we introduce multiplication – creating arrays or rows and counting them.

Here is an example:

5 rows of 2 = 105 lots of 2 = 10

In Art this week, we have been experimenting with paint mixing to make shades of green. We varied the shade of green we made, using different quantities of blue and yellow paint each time.



In PE, we are continuing with our orienteering unit. The children have been working in teams to recognise basic diagrams and navigate to a single point. The children used their map reading skills to navigate to the correct group of cones, where they could then retrieve a grapheme. Once all the graphemes were retrieved the children then had a go at spelling a word. Next week, we will practise the same set of skills, while avoiding obstacles.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson