

# Early Years Newsletter 19.10.15



**We wish everyone a very happy half term!** The children have had a super start to their time in Reception and we are looking forward to some extremely exciting weeks ahead. Your children have worked, and played so hard and are deserving of a well earned rest. Thank you all for your support and encouragement over the past eight weeks.

Full, empty, more, less, enough, how much more? For challenge, try using a plastic measuring jug and look at the numbers on the jug.

In your child's book bag we have included a new list of tricky words for your child to learn by sight at home. Don't try to sound talk these. They are red words!

***"Alarm bells ringing in your head tricky words are bright red."***

We have been learning them at school too.



Thank you for all the lovely potions you have made at home. They have made a wonderful display and really captured children's imagination and language.

*Reinforce that mathematical language as you play at bath time making potions,*



Our literacy focus based on "Leaf Man" by Lois Ehlert was a great stimulus for our Autumn Walk. Thank you to all parents and carers who came to help. We have been able to use all our senses to discuss what the changes from summer into our new season. Adjectives play an important part of developing early writing skills so as you are out and about discuss the sounds, smells, sights tastes and those wonderful feelings that make Autumn so special.

These are all suggested ideas to support your child at home. Please do not feel that you have to use all of these ideas on a weekly basis.



Try making your own leaf pictures. Send them in to us for learning journals.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLDt7Rt8OEI>