Next week we are learning …

- About the changes that happen in Autumn.
- We will be going on a walk to look for signs of Autumn.
- Our maths will focus on composition of numbers to 4.
- In phonics we will introduce t & p, recap s & a and work on our segmenting and blending skills.
- In RE we will be discussing why the Bible is special to Christians.

Ways you can help at home / Information

- We hope that you are all enjoying accessing Tapestry to see what the children have been learning about at school. Thank you to all the parents who have shared Harvest themed photos, we have shared these with the class. Any questions please ask.
- Go on a walk to look for different signs of Autumn. Search for leaves that are different shapes and colours and help your child to describe them. You could use them to make an Autumn collage.
- In maths we will be looking at composition of numbers to 4. We will be discussing how numbers can be made up of smaller numbers, for example, 2 is made up of 1 and another 1 and 4 can be made up of four ones. We will also continue to look at subitising. There is a great free app from White Rose Maths, which includes subitising and other maths suitable for Reception and Key Stage 1. https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths
  You may like to find 4 small objects and see how many different ways you can arrange them. (1+1+1+1, 2+2, 3+1, 1+3, 2+1+1 etc) Can you write how many are in each group and practice number formation? Remember that when writing numbers, we always start at the top and never at the bottom.
- Over the coming weeks we will introduce our Year 6 buddy system. This means that each Reception child will be 'buddied up' with a Year 6 pupil. We then take part in a number of activities over the year with our buddies who help to nurture and provide support and encouragement outside of the classroom. This is such a valuable experience for all involved and really helps to create a sense of school community. Strong friendships are made over the year and lots of fun is had by all.
- We will be having Early Years Parents Evenings on 20th & 21st October in the school hall. You should have received an email from the school office with a link to book your appointment. Any questions please ask.
- We hope you are enjoying the 'family read' books that we send home each week. This is a picture book that your child has chosen and that you can read and explore with them. Reading books with your child, models how to hold and take care of a book, turn the pages and read from right to left. You will also prompt speaking and listening skills, concentration and develop vocabulary. You could also practice oral segmenting and blending. You say the sounds of a CVC word from the book (word with 3 sounds), e.g. c-a-t or m-oo-n and your child blends the sounds to say the word. They could also have a go at spotting letters from their name or some of the sounds we have worked on in phonics. Please remember to use the letter sound, not the letter name. More information on segmenting and blending will be available in our phonics meeting.
- **Important Dates**
  Wed 7th Oct – Individual school photos
  Tues 13th Oct, 2.25 – 3pm – Phonics & Early Reading Meeting, Small Hall.
  Thurs 15th Oct– PTFA Disco
  Tues 20th & Wed 21st Oct – EY Parents Evenings