Dear Cygnus Families,

What a lovely and exciting week it has been! We have been busy inviting Winnie the Witch into Reception, taking part in our Remembrance Day activities, welcoming Matthew from Science Oxford and finishing the week with Forest School.

Reminders

- Please bring in any borrowed books on Monday.
- Please make sure that the children have indoor and outdoor shoes.

What We've Been Up To

- We started our new Magic Moments topic, Winnie the Witch! We shared the story and the children loved it.
- In drawing club we learned the words swoosh, cackle, transform and splutter, each with its own action. We drew our own witches, and thought about what magic they do. The following day, Winnie had lost her wand and we had to think about what Winnie could use instead of a wand or how she could secretly get her wand back!
- We looked at Korky Paul's illustrations of Winnie and Wilbur, noticing the bold lines, bright colours and wobbly details.
- We helped test and create a new potion in our potion lab! We made predictions, then watched water, salt and glitter dissolve, float, sink and change colour using the words stir, mix and change. The children got to stir, pour and describe what happened in small groups.
- On Wednesday it was Remembrance Day. We talked about who we remember and why, looked at pictures of poppies, and talked about saying thank you to people who helped keep us safe.
- On Thursday we had an amazing visit from Science Oxford! The children loved both sessions with Matthew and they engaged fantastically. They learned about inventing new things and even created their own air-powered mice!
- We enjoyed Forest School on Friday, bringing our learning outdoors!
- We continued our maths journey, counting hats, cats, wands and potion ingredients up to 3, and talking about what is one more.
- We explored lots of new provision, including poppy threading, pom pom retrieval and our potion lab.
- We continued our phonics journey, revisiting and practising our sounds, blending, reading and making our own words.
- We talked about being a good friend, practising how to ask someone to play and using kind words.
- We also took part in our PE fitness session on Monday and PE with our sports coach on Wednesday.

Next Week

- Monday: Book Day and PE. Please make sure that the children come in their PE kit and bring any books that they have taken out.
- Tuesday: Nothing to remember today!

- Wednesday: PE. Please make sure that the children come in their PE kit.
- Thursday: Nothing to remember today!
- Friday: Nothing to remember today!

We kindly ask for your help in reminding children that personal toys should stay at home. Bringing toys into school can cause unintended upset and disruption to learning, and school cannot take responsibility for lost or broken items.

Items brought in specifically for Thought of the Day are still very welcome! These will be kept safe and put away once your child has finished sharing.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

Thank you all for another great week! I hope you all have a nice weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Best wishes,

The Cygnus Team.