

Week beginning 02.10.2017

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## The Vale Academy Reception Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Stay and Play 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Halloween Disco 2.15 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

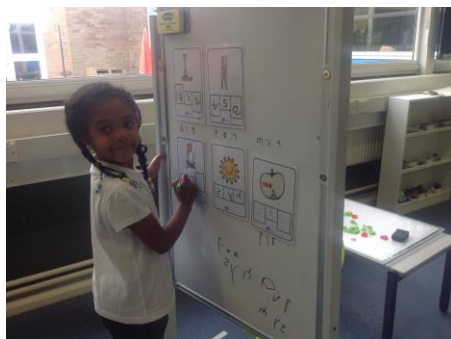
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Last day of Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Inset day

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 - Children return to school

### This Week

This week the children have started learning phonics. They have been doing really well and have enjoyed the games we have been playing, in particular 'Silly Soup'. The play dough making station has proved very popular this week; the children have been fascinated that they can make and then use their own play dough! Outside the children have been using their imaginations to build fire engines with the Polydrons. On Wednesday they built a lake with fish in it out of the giant Megablocks and Polydrons, and then an elaborate building that when you pushed a button became electrified!



### Stay and Play

Our first stay and play session of the year will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The session will run from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. If you are not available to come and join us you are welcome to send another relative in to share your child's experiences with them. Please sign in at the main office and a member of our team will take you over to Reception.

### Phonics Session for Parents

As the children have now started to learn phonics, we thought that those of you who are new to phonics might like to come in and find out what we do and how you can help to support your child at home. Therefore, we will be holding two phonics sessions on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The first session will be at 2.30 p.m. and the second session will be at 3.30 p.m. The sessions shouldn't last for more than half an hour. A letter will be sent home for you to let us know which session you would like to attend.

### Some Useful Websites

Listed below are some websites you might like to visit to support your child in their learning at home:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ParentsMenu.htm>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html>

### Wow Moments

Don't forget to fill in a 'wow moment' slip if your child does something for the first time at home. If you are not sure where the slips are please ask a member of our team.