

**Messages:**

Hello,

We hope you got to enjoy the dry weather this weekend and got outside. Eye spy never gets old as you walk through the park spying L-eaves, T-rees, G-rass etc.

We want to give you ample warning of our first Reception school trip! More information to follow shortly. We will be going to **Whittington Park on both** of these dates:

30<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30-1pm

8<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30-1pm

We will need parent helpers, so please speak to your class teacher if you can help. Please note **no other children can attend**, so you could **not** bring a baby with you.

There are still lots of empty bags where children have not brought in spare clothes, or filled them back up after using the spares. Please do bring in old spare clothes that can live at school.

**Topic:**

We are following the same theme of 'difference' but taking it into non-fiction this week. We will be looking at atlases and books about the UK and comparing them to Italy. Whilst learning about our continent – Europe.

Talking about how difference can be seen everywhere, even between countries in the same continent.

We are looking forward to cooking some Italian food as part of our country immersion and finding out a bit about Roman History.

**Phonics:**

In phonics this week, we will be learning the sounds:  
Y - Down a horn, up a horn and under the yak's head.  
W - Down, up, down, up the worm.

We will start learning digraphs (two letters that make one sound). This is how I teach the children to remember this week's:

Sh- shhh says the horse to the hissing snake.

Th – Thank you says the prince/princess at the top of the tower to the horse (that's rescued them)

We will be reviewing previous sounds and trying and blend sounds to say words as well as segment (break them down) words to spell.

**Maths:**

In maths this week, we will be focusing on :  
Positional language: under, on top, next to, inside etc.  
You can use these words at home and help practice.