Tiger's newsletter
4th November 2022

This week we have read the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'. The story is about Mr Gumpy who goes on a boat ride with lots of animals. He agrees to take the animals if they behave but unfortunately they don't! Our key words this week are **river, bank, chase, trample, squabble, flap, tease, kick, tip and bleat**. You can look on you tube for a read aloud version of the story and see if you can spot the key words. We enjoyed looking at different types of boats. We shared our experiences of going on boats and talked about what we could see and the different features of boats.

In phonics some children learned ff, ll, ss (digraphs) and the grapheme j and some revisited m, n, g, and d. We learned that 'as' is a tricky word because the s makes a z sound. We practised writing initial sounds and cvc words with some our previously learned sounds. In maths, we practised counting with 1:1 correspondence. We learned the 'fiveness' of 5 and represented 5 using the fingers on our hand and a 5 die pattern. We learned to count out a number of objects and to remember that the 'stopping number' tells us how many we have. We ordered numbers to 5 and counted out ingredients to add to our cauldron!

We also practised asking friends for help. We helped each other to fasten our coats and cycling helmets and to help cut up our food. We drew patterns to make a firework picture, learned how to use water colour paints to make a spooky Halloween picture and drew our 'trick or treat' costumes (or party clothes if we don't celebrate Halloween). We got even better at cutting as we made pumpkins and we made animals using the playdough.

Holiday Challenge – Well done everyone who completed the first holiday challenge 'to clean and tidy my bedroom'. Thank you everyone who sent us an email – the children were so excited to share their pictures and to receive a round of applause from their friends.

We need empty soap dispenser bottles (to pump paint or glue) and plastic food trays (to turn into boats) – please send into school ASAP!

If your child has been on a boat or you want to send us some bonfire pictures, please email us. If you want to share anything else your child has done at home or if you have any questions, email us on our tiger class e-mail - leebriggtigers@watertonacademytrust.org

We hope you enjoy a fun and safe bonfire night.

From Mrs Tutt, Mrs Guppy, Miss Khan, Mrs Greaves, Miss Hammond, Mrs Woollands and Mrs Goulding (The reception team)