

super stories



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Autumn Term Topic Snap Shot

This term, we will enjoy a number of stories by Sue Hendra. These will link to different themes. Please help your child with their understanding of the following key words.

- **Family** - a group related to each other that may or may not live together.
- **Friendship** – people you develop a close bond with. Sometimes your friends can be like family.
- **Traditions** - a practice that has been done again and again over time. Sometimes these are past down from older members of the family.
- **Celebrations** – Acknowledging a special day or event.
We will learn and value that we might have different traditions and celebrate different things.

Phonics Key Words

- **Phoneme** -The smallest unit of sound that can be identified in words. We sometimes simply call this a 'sound', although it is helpful for children to use the term 'phoneme'.
- **Grapheme** - A letter or group of letters used to represent a particular phoneme when writing. With children, we sometimes call this 'a sound written down'.
- **Segment** - To identify each of the individual phonemes in a word, working all the way through from left to right.
- **Blend** -To combine individual phonemes into a whole word, working all the way through from left to right.
- **Digraph** - A grapheme using two letters to represent one phoneme. With children, we frequently reinforce it with, 'two letters, one sound'.
- **Trigraph** - A grapheme using three letters to represent one phoneme. With children, we frequently reinforce it with, 'three letters, one sound'.
- **Tricky words** - High-frequency words cannot be decoded by children using the phonics knowledge they have been taught up to that point.

Other things that help with school life include -

- Developing independence with dressing.
 - Writing their name confidently.
 - Counting to 10 and then to 20.
 - Reading lots of books at home.
- Remember it's free to join a Camden Library. The children can borrow 25 books at a time for up to 3 weeks!
There is not late charge for children's books (which is handy).

