This week....we have been so busy. We started practising our Christmas play and everyone decided what character they wanted to be. The script is a big secret and the children are not supposed to give it away. We also picked the pumpkins from the garden that we planted last year and they were still green, but quite beautiful. We hollowed them out and looked at all the seeds and flesh, then made funny faces on them. We have also been learning about spiders and we went on a web hunt to find where the spiders lived around our school. We labelled spider pictures and we made webs and spiders to hang in the den in our classroom.


Mathematics...longer and shorter were our words for the week. We measured and compared ribbons, sticks, rulers and ourselves. Everyone was really good at using this mathematical language and enjoyed measuring with a ruler.
Help at Home.......find a ruler or any other long thin object and challenge your child to find something that is longer or shorter than the ruler. Help them find the measurement by reading the number together.

## Literacy and Phonics

Our new sounds are sh and $h$ and $I$ and we can read and write them confidently. We have written about spiders in our books and have learned lots of new language for body parts and different kinds of spiders by looking on a website for children.

Other news......Most people will now be aware that the schools in our area are proposed to be changing to a two tier system over the next few years. We will keep you as up to date as we can with the implications of this for our school, but please ask if you are unsure about any of the new proposals.

Next Week.....is parents' evening on Tuesday. Please come and see me and have a chat. I love sharing your children's achievements and targets face to face and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

