The children are really growing in their independence and we are very proud of how they have managed their first few weeks at school. It’s a tiring time and everyone is coping very well. Well done to all!

- Our theme for this week has been *Our Bodies!*
- We have been outside quite a lot this week, despite the rainy weather. We went on a welly walk on Tuesday and splashed in lots of puddles which was so much fun! We have spent time in and out of the sheds and playing with the scooters and bikes on the playground.
- In Maths we have started learning about the number 1 and 2. The children went on some hunts in the classroom to find one specific item e.g. one pencil or one animal and bring them back. We then did the same for two. We have learnt a couple of rhymes to help us remember how to write the number 1 and 2. The rhyme for 1 is: start at the top and down we run, that's the way we make a one. The rhyme for 2 is: around and back on the railroad track, two, two, two. The children all did a brilliant job at writing these numbers, keep practicing at home.
- We have learnt 4 new sounds and actions /i/ /m/ /n/ and /d/. We practised writing the grapheme (letter) on interactive whiteboard. We also practised writing it with our finger in the air, on the floor and on our hand. Please keep practising with your child at home.
- In Literacy we have learnt two songs – *Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* and *One Finger, One Thumb* – to help us learn about the parts of our bodies. We have learnt about our ankles, shins, calves and thighs too! We have played a game of *Simon Says* to help our listening skills and completed a task of matching labels to body parts.
- We have been using the interactive whiteboard to practice our letters and numbers on. We have also been using the board to create large scale drawings.
- In PE we have continued learning about warming up and why we need to do this, as well as playing games to increase our spatial awareness. The children have been trying really hard to get undressed and changed in to their PE kits and then back in to their uniforms. Keep practising putting on socks and doing up buttons, won’t you!

**WOW Notes!**
Thank you to everyone who has sent in a WOW moments. The WOW moments sheet is to be used for the whole of this half term and we will send you a new one next half term. The children are always very proud when we celebrate their successes from home!

**Rhyme Challenge**
*Our Rhyme Challenge* is going very well and the children have now learnt all the rhymes. A reminder that on Thursday 17th October the children can come to school dressed as a character from a nursery rhyme and that parents and carers are invited to celebrate the completion of our Rhyme Challenge at 2.45pm in the hall.

**Coats and Wellington Boots!**
As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child has a named coat in school every day. We do have waterproof coats and trousers here for children to use – these are great for the rain but do not keep the children terribly warm. Please also ensure that you bring in a pair of wellies - we are venturing out in the rain and the mud!

**Drinks and Snacks**
Please can we remind you that if your child is bringing something in for snack time, please ensure that it is only fruit (this can be fresh or dried fruit) vegetables, or breadsticks/plain rice cakes. Children cannot eat yoghurts or sweet treats at snack time.

**Tapestry**
Please could you bring back your tapestry consent forms ASAP as we would really like to get tapestry up and running very soon! We have been busy taking lots of photos and writing observations for your children, these will be published for you to see at the end of each half term.

Next weeks theme... *Funny bones*
We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Miss Smolinski, Mrs Smith and Mrs K 😊