



Early Years' Newsletter: October

Nursery with Mrs Bendall

We have been making the most of the changing season this month. The children loved going on an Autumn Walk, collecting colourful leaves, acorns and conkers around the school grounds, including the field. We even spotted a wooden hut in the distance, which we thought might belong to one of the 3 Little Pigs!

Inside, we have investigated pumpkins and their seeds, talking about what happens to the seeds when you plant them. We then decided to plant some of our seeds in some soil from our garden and talked about a good place to leave them, so they were able to get enough sunlight.

We have been planning many of our activities to develop listening skills, as part of Phase 1 Phonics. We have sung rhyming songs and songs with actions, played instruments, describing their sounds and guessed what was in Mrs Bendall's box! The children also enjoyed going on a Listening Walk around the school. We mostly heard children and teachers talking, creaky doors and birds. The children diligently recorded the sounds on tally charts! The CD player has also been very popular, with the children using it independently to play both music to dance to and The Gruffalo story CD!



Reception with Miss Barby

We have also been spotting the signs of Autumn around school. The children loved collecting things on our Autumn walk and have made some lovely leaf animals and leaf rubbings. We have talked about what happens to the trees and animals in autumn.

We have been really inspired by Halloween and have loved creating menus and potions for our Witches kitchen. We also read the stories 'Pumpkin Soup' and 'Room on the Broom'. The children have had a wonderful time exploring and investigating the pumpkins in different ways to make our own 'Pumpkin Soup'. As part of history week, we have also been learning about Remembrance and why we wear Poppies. The children have really enjoyed using different materials and techniques to make their own poppies.

In Maths we have been continuing to explore numbers, and we have started to count to 100. We have learnt about 2d shapes and their properties and repeating patterns. We are now beginning to move onto addition and partitioning numbers in different ways.

Dates for your diary

Friday 2nd of November from 6pm- Bonfire Night at school

Thursday 13th of December - Reception Christmas Play

Friday 14th of December - Pantomime Trip (not Nursery however)

Tuesday 18th of December - Last day for Nursery children

Wednesday 19th of December- Last day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 2nd of January- INSET Day

Thursday 3rd of January- Spring Term starts

Best wishes,

The Early Years' Team

(Mrs Bendall, Miss Barby, Mrs Westall, Mrs Hardy, Mrs May, Miss Wright and Mrs Foy)