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Our Learning

Recently, the children have had an interest in the environment surrounding us and the changes that have taken place. The children began bringing leaves that had fallen from the trees into the nursery and were discussing the change in colour and using different criteria to match and sort these as well as using them to create collages. This led to Autumn walks to collect more leaves, conkers, acorns and twigs. We used these in our loose parts play and in the house corner to role play with babies.

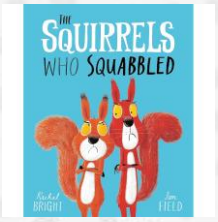
The children have been learning about the changes that occur with the days getting darker and the animals that we may see due to this. We had a visiting hedgehog and squirrel in our nursery garden which led to the children building a hedgehog house and looking at what they may eat. This has led to children asking questions about hibernation which we will be learning about further. We will also be finding out more about why our days are darker in the Autumn and Winter as children asked to find out about the moon and why it comes out in the day time. Furthermore, the children have been very excited about the different festivals that occur during Autumn and could explain that Halloween and Fireworks' night are approaching soon. This has led to the children practising their chopping and counting skills when making pumpkin soup and potions in the house corner and outdoors. They have also been bug hunting in the leaves and discussing different traditions they follow during Halloween such as dressing up, going trick or treating and carving pumpkins.

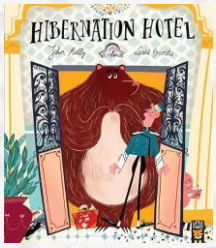
Book Nook

We have enjoyed listening to theses stories in nursery:

THE SQUIRRELS WHO SQUABBLED | Rachel Bright | Read aloud #storyoftheweek

Hibernation Hotel | Read Aloud Animal Story | Kids Bedtime Stories





Music Time

"Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down" to the tune of London Bridge | Fall Songs | Music for Kids! - YouTube

Orange, Yellow, Red and Brown - Seasons Songs for Kid - Kids Color Songs - By The Learning Station - YouTube

Grey Squirrel Song - Autumn Songs for Children - Kids Songs by The Learning Station



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Halloween Stay and Play

Date: Friday 30th October
Time: 10.00am – 11.00am

We will be having our Halloween Stay and Play session this term on the above date. This will be an opportunity for our parents or carers to come into the nursery to play with, read to and be part of the children's learning. Each child can have 1 family member attend the session at a time due to the high number of children in our setting. If your child does not attend this day, you are welcome to come in and join us for our Halloween Stay and Play.
All children and adults will be welcome to dress up for the Stay and Play. This is optional.
During the Stay and Play, there will be lots of Halloween experiences on offer, with Halloween music playing and stories to read.



Parent Consultations

These will occur during the weeks beginning 23rd November and 30th November between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. You will be able to book an appointment with your child's key worker during this time to discuss your child's learning and progress in nursery. Appointments will be available to book as of the start of November.

Home Learning Links

- Can you go on an Autumn walk to collect leaves of different colours?
- Can you go on an Autumn animal hunt? What animals did you spot?
- Create an Autumn collage using leaves, acorns, sticks and other natural materials you can find.





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Our Cosy Week

During the week of the 2nd November, we would like to welcome our children into the nursery in their pyjamas or onesies so they can have a cosy week in preparation for Fireworks night. The children can wear these each day or for one day only.



Dates to Remember

W/B 19th October – schools closed for October holidays, nursery open;
Friday 30th October – Halloween Stay and Play – 10am – 11am
Week of 2nd of November – Children's jammie and onesie week
Thursday 19th November – visual screening for preschool children
W/B 23rd Nov and week of 30th Nov – Parent consultations – 3.30 until 4.30pm
Friday the 18th of December – Christmas Party (times to follow) and last day of term

Gentle Reminders

- *Please remember that all nursery children must be collected by 11.57am on a Friday.*
- *Please can you encourage your children to leave any toys from home, at home.*
- *Please can you check your child's bag regularly to make sure there are changes of clothes in there for your child and all things in the bag are appropriate for nursery.*