



Kindergarten Newsletter 17th January 2025
Spring 1 Topic - Seasons

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This week, following our lesson last week, we focused on how to keep ourselves safe around school. The children went on a walk around the school site and noted all the things they need to be careful of when moving around the site.

Literacy, Communication and Language

In our Monster Phonics lesson, we focused on 'voice sounds' and how to make different sounds using our voices. We read the Monster Phonics book, The Enormous Turnip, and each child had a go at impersonating the characters voices. The children were asked to think of the character and how their voice might be impacted by their job, e.g. the farmer might be tired and have a bad back from all the hard labour around the farm.

During our intervention groups, some children were learning about the negative form by identifying which children out of a pair 'were not' completing a certain action given by Mrs Budd. We then applied our knowledge to picture cards. All the children did really well with this! The other group were learning to group food in different ways; hot and cold; healthy and unhealthy; breakfast, lunch and dinner. This prompted some brilliant (and interesting) discussions about what children have for breakfast!

Mathematics

This week, the children have been introduced to ten frames and how to use them by counting conkers.

Additionally, the children have done autumn themed 1-15 dot-to-dots, making repeating patterns (of either 2/3 items), sorting leaves by size (big/medium/small) and finger printing the right number of leaves onto the autumn trees. Later in the week, the children were using lego pieces to match the autumn pictures, considering orientation and colour of the bricks.

Understanding the World

This week, we explored our season of the week: autumn. We discussed what the weather is like in autumn and animals which may be seen around this time.

In Forest School, the children enjoyed getting messy by making mud paint!



Physical Development

In our fine motor activities, we did some autumn picture threading, which the children were brilliant at! We also practised weaving, by weaving pipe cleaners around pine cones and weaving fabric in and out of our wigwam. The children used tweezers to sort the autumn objects in the tuff tray into groups and also enjoyed using spray bottles and pipettes to melt the ice in a frozen autumn bowl.

In gross motor, the children explored different ways to move around; jumping, hopping, sidesteps, forwards and backwards. They also played some games, which promoted the importance of turn-taking.

Expressive Arts and Design

In art with Mrs Thomson this week, the children were mark making to music! They were using the beat and rhythm of the music to guide their movements, which they all enjoyed very much.

In class, the children have been using autumnal colours to make cork-print trees, dish brush trees, marbled leaves and tissue paper scrunched leaves.

Information/reminders:

Drop off and pick up is now at the gate outside the Kindergarten play area.

Very best wishes, *Mrs Budd, Mrs Singer and Miss Naylor*