

Seasons and Weather Change



This week we will be starting our new topic: 'Seasons and Weather Change'. We will be thinking about what happens in autumn. Our focus books will be "We're Going on a Leaf Hunt" by Steve Metzger and "Maisy's Wonderful Weather Book" by Lucy Cousins.

Handy Hints to Help at Home

Literacy

In Literacy we will be continuing to focus on developing careful listening and questioning skills by listening to a variety of stories and information books.

You can help at home by:

- visiting the library and taking out autumn based stories or fact books;
- setting up a kitchen orchestra by allowing your child a set of saucepans, non-breakable pots, wooden spoons etc to explore making their own music;
- encouraging your child to respond to and follow instructions;
- encouraging your child to ask questions with a variety of 'starters' e.g. who, what, where, why, how and then to listen carefully to the answer;
- helping your child to hold a pencil effectively, using a tripod grip, during mark making.

This Week's Nursery Rhyme

Our Nursery Rhyme this week is: Autumn Leaves are Falling Down. (To the tune of London's Bridge is Falling Down)

Here are the lyrics that we will be using.

Autumn leaves are falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
Autumn leaves are falling down,
All around the town.

Walk around and pick them up,
Pick them up, pick them up.
Walk around and pick them up,
All around the town.

Maths

This week we are going to be focusing on counting to 3 and beyond. We will be modelling counting in play such as building with blocks and counting out animals. We will also be singing counting songs and teaching children to recognise that anything can be counted.

You can help at home by:

- playing alongside children your child, modeling using the number names 1, 2 and 3 in order, for example, when counting characters in the small world area or counting blocks as you build towers;
- playing 'Can you...?' games, for example, Can you clap 3 times? Can you jump 3 times?
- continuing to provide opportunities for your child to count by rote, forwards and backwards;
- creating numbers in playdough using cutters or by rolling and bending playdough into number shapes;
- providing opportunities for your child to count out groups of items e.g. "Can you get me 4 forks?" when laying the table;
- using puzzles & games.

Expressive Arts & Design /Understanding the World

This week we are thinking about autumn and using natural autumn 'litter' to create collage.

We will discuss:

- What happens to the trees?
- What colours can you see? – *orange, yellow, brown, red.*
- The days getting shorter and colder.

PLEASE CAN YOU BRING IN ANY AUTUMN LITTER SUCH AS, CONKERS, PINE CONES, DRIED LEAVES.

Reminders:

Please ensure your child your child is not wearing earrings as this is contrary to our school uniform policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Parent Consultations – 21st and 22nd October

These meetings will be face-to-face meetings in school.

School Photographer – Monday 19th October

The photographer will be in school on Monday 19th October to take individual and sibling photos.

Please can all children come to school in their school jumper /cardigan.

Flu Immunisations – Friday 16th October

Vaccination UK will be in school on Friday 16th October to deliver the flu immunisation programme for children in Reception – Year 6. You will be contacted directly by Vaccination UK for consent.