

October Newsletter



Our Topics

This month we will be looking at the topics Autumn and Halloween. We will go on an Autumn walk, looking at the changes in the trees, drawing hedgehogs and squirrels, printing with apples and producing pictures of Autumn trees. The children will also have great fun making spells in the water tray with spiders, bats, worms and snakes. There will be pumpkin buckets in the sand and even the home corner will be turned into a witch's den. YIKES!

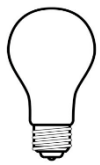
The children will be learning new songs such as Dingle Dangle Scarecrow, Autumn Tree, Witches of Halloween and playing a variety of musical instruments. What a fun month!

Observations

We are continuing to focus on promoting independence; we will be encouraging each child to 'have a go' at taking off and putting on his/her own shoes, coats, dressing up clothes etc. Encouraging each child to make appropriate choices during the classroom day plays a large part in your child growing in self-confidence and self-esteem as he/she learns to do new things. We would ask for your support in this – encourage them to be as independent as possible at home.

We will also be

- checking to see who already knows the names of various colours
- seeing who can talk about various signs of autumn
- watching to see who is using imagination as they play with the Halloween props.



Bright Ideas!



This month you can have lots of fun getting ready for Halloween. It is hard to beat the classics like dunking for apples and tying apples to a string from the door frame...not only are these fun but they really help your child's physical development!

Extend your child's imagination with some messy play. Make a potion in the sink (or the bath if you're brave!) Add your 'ingredients'...maybe some chopped cooked spaghetti, some drops of food colouring and some bubbles and let them cook up a storm!

Make a costume...promote creativity by helping your child to create their own costume with things you can find in the house. Don't underestimate the trusty white sheet to make a good ghost!

Go on an Autumn scavenger hunt. You can pick up a page from the Nursery notice board if you like and see how many of the signs of Autumn you can find. Speak to your child about the changes in the weather, the length of day, the colours of the trees.

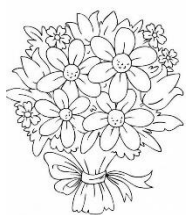
Colours and shape of the month

Brown and orange and diamond.

Remember to spot these in your environment...there should be lots of brown and orange around at this time of the year! This month please wear something brown or orange on **Friday 18th October**.

Our Interest Table

For the first 2 weeks of October, our interest table will be showing signs of Autumn. We would love if you could bring something in for our table...maybe a photograph of you on an Autumn walk or some leaves you collected.



Thank
you

Halloween Party

Thank you to everyone who has so far contributed the £25 snack money for Term 1. The boys and girls have been enjoying delicious fruit delivered straight from the market to our door on a Monday morning.

The Nursery will close for Halloween on Friday 25th October at the normal time. We shall finish on this day with a Halloween party and attend a disco in the hall. The children may come into nursery that day in fancy dress.



Wellies

Please could you ensure your child has a pair of wellies that are kept in the nursery. The children will need to wear these to play in the sand and on the grass especially as the weather gets wetter coming into the winter months.

Nursery times

Reminder- Nursery ends with a flexible pick up time between 1.20pm and 1.30pm. This 10-minute time slot helps to avoid congestion at home time, making the whole process easier and safer for the children.

Happy birthday to Eve and Cormac who turn 4 this month.



Dates to remember

9th October- Getting Ready to Learn meeting 7pm in Nursery (see attached for further details)

18th October- Wear something brown/ orange

21st-24th October- Parent teacher/ health visitor interviews

25th October- Halloween disco and fancy dress

28th October- 1st November- School closed for Halloween break