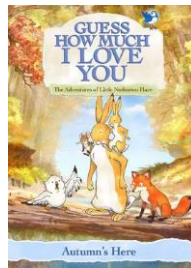


Term 1 topic- Who am I?

Autumn and Harvest – Guess how much I love you - Autumn's here.



This week we have been reading a variety of Autumn stories.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We have been using our listening skills and remembering our classroom rules to ensure we learn and stay safe. We have also been concentrating on taking turns and looking out for others. We are learning how to be good listeners by looking at the person who is talking and by waiting patiently for our go. We still need a little practise of this!

Communication and Language- This week we have been talking about what we might see in Autumn. We loved exploring the school grounds and woods on an Autumn walk to discover all the different signs. We chatted about what we saw on our Autumn walk. We spotted berries, leaves, conkers and pine cones. Mrs Long even brought in some Dutch conkers which were very prickly! We enjoyed hearing about the healthy foods you chatted about with the children at home. Keep up the good work with the sticker homework! The children absolutely love it and your unique answers often lead us on to further topics for discussion. It is a great way to develop communication skills. We are a chatty lot and love to talk to each other about all sorts of things during snack, playtime and "choosing a job" time.

Physical Development- Outside play- we have enjoyed using various sports equipment on the playground and field this week. We have been pretending that we are pirates and have been using the planks of wood to 'walk the plank'. We have also used the planks to balance and to investigate our catapult skills. These activities help to develop our gross motor skills. We are developing our fine motor skills every day with a variety of activities; doing dough disco, exploring play dough, using tweezers, wrapping yarn, using chalks outside and water and paint brushes, handwriting, cutting and sticking, and handling various building and constructing toys. Squiggle is great fun and we are getting very good at making large movements to music to help develop gross motor skills. Our listening skills are amazing at this time too. We then draw a dance using these movements – have a look at our art outside!

Literacy- We continue to learn new sounds to help us to begin to read and write. This week our new sounds were 'n', 't', 'i' and 'p'. In our phonics sessions we recognise and write the new sound and have a go at orally blending words, for example "s-a-d, sad" or "m-a-t, mat". We loved seeing so many of you at our phonics sessions. Thank you so much for coming. We loved our Autumn walk, collected lots of lovely things and had a chat about what we saw. We came back and did some brilliant Autumn drawing and writing! We listened carefully for the sounds we could hear in words as we stretched the words, lots of us are hearing and writing the 's' in 'saw' or the 'b' in berry. We had a go at sorting objects by their initial sounds and matching them to the correct sound cards. We continue to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and share them with our friends.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s to 20; recognising our numbers to 20; forming our numbers correctly; counting up to 10 and back down again; saying what is one more than a given number. This week we have been talking about size and ordering Autumn pictures using lots of appropriate language – small, smaller, smallest, big, bigger, biggest. We have used counters and a number track, compared Numicon shapes and have also begun looking at how to record number sentences. We also have lots of practical apparatus available for the children to use to develop their skills in number and shape e.g. number tracks, little objects, counters, number formation cards, Numicon and shapes to explore; to name a few!

Understanding the World- We were very interested to spot the signs of Autumn in the woods and school grounds. How lucky are we to have such fabulous grounds and are able to use Folly View Woods!

Expressive Arts and Design- We were very busy on the art table this week. We finger painted Autumn leaves on trees, used paint to print with leaves and made a leaf collage. On the malleable table we explored shaving foam, play dough and we got very tangled making yarn leaf wraps! We are not only creative at the art table, we are still enjoying our role play and our independent 'making' areas! We love singing and have been busy practising our Harvest songs ready for Wednesday.

#### Supporting learning at home

- Keep challenging your child to put their coat on by themselves and fasten it up.
- Can you find 3 objects to order by size?
- Practise rhyming words bat – cat – mat / beg – peg - ..... etc.
- Practise oral blending, "put on your c-oo-t, please".
- Continue to enjoy lots of different bedtime stories.
- Spot some signs of Autumn when you are out and about.

#### Notes for next week 17.10.22

- Remember coats, book bags and water bottles to be in school every day.
- School finishes at 3.15pm on Thursday 20th October for the half term break.
- Join us for Harvest Festival at 2.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.