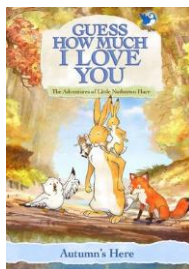


Term 1 topic- Who am I?

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 read the story, *The Colour Monster*, and talked about our feelings by putting a colour to them. We now have a mindfulness table with colour monster puppets which we can use to tell an adult how we feel. The mindfulness box is our favourite though!

Communication and Language- This week we have been talking about what we might see in Autumn. We loved exploring the school grounds on an Autumn walk to discover all the different signs. We talked about all the signs of Autumn we spotted on our walk; berries, leaves, toadstools, conkers, crunchy orange leaves and pine cones. We enjoyed hearing from the children about what they know about Autumn – Halloween was talked about a few times. We are a chatty lot and love to talk to each other about all sorts of things during snack, playtime and Toast Tuesday.

Physical Development- 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 went on an Autumn adventure this week during our PE session courtesy of Cosmic Yoga and are becoming really good at following the poses on the Smart Board. Why not try some of these sessions at home as a family? They're great fun! Find them on YouTube. Ask us to show you our favourite yoga pose!

Literacy- We continue to learn new sounds to help us to begin to read and write. This week our new sounds are 'n', 'p' and 'g'. In our phonics sessions we recognise and write the new sound and have a go at orally blending words, for example "p-i-g, pig" or "m-a-t, mat". We are looking forward to welcoming you into the classroom during our phonics stay and play sessions next week. We can't wait to show you how good at reading we are becoming.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s to 20; counting up to 10 and back down again; saying, using language such as more and less. 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! Please ask us if you want to know more!

Understanding the World- We are all becoming expert toast makers! None of us has burnt any bread yet! We know the importance of washing our hands thoroughly before we touch any food, but also know that they need to be properly dry before we touch the toaster. We were very interested to spot the signs of Autumn in our school grounds. How lucky are we to have such fabulous grounds!

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!

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, "Please put on your c-oo-t".
- Continue to enjoy lots of different bedtime stories.
- Spot some signs of Autumn when you are out and about.

Notes for next week 09.10.23

- Remember coats, book bags and water bottles to be in school every day.
- Join us for our phonics stay and play sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday next week. Come straight into the classroom when you drop your child off in the morning and join in with our phonics sessions. If you are having trouble finding alternative children for younger siblings, do bring them along as I would rather you come with them than not at all. These will **finish by 10am**.
- I have put the phonics presentation with the handouts onto our class pages of the website so please have a look through if you were unable to make the meeting on Wednesday.

Have a lovely weekend Everyone. See you on Monday for our first phonics stay and play session!