

Active mail 18th October 2010

Dear Parents,

We are continuing with the new topic looking at Autumn and Harvest. We are going to be collecting food (dry and tinned) till the end of October and we will give it to the church to donate to the local community. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Babies

News: The Autumn display is now complete please come in and have a look at what we have made.

Topic: What we wear in the autumn

- Decorating jumpers, wellies, trousers
- Looking at what we wear to go out and play
- Playing with shaving foam
- Feeling different textures with glitter and foam
- Learning Head, shoulders, knees and toes and other familiar songs
- Reading: Monkey and me

Toddlers

News: The Autumn display is now complete please come in and have a look what we made.

Topic: Exploring sound and sight

- Talking about what we can see in the changing weather
- Collecting cones and leaves
- Playing with the Treasure basket/natural materials
- Vegetable printing
- Making spiders
- Reading about the Hungry caterpillar

Sunflowers, Firebirds and Lasers

Matthew – Music

- Learning counting games using 1-8
- Singing Harvest festival songs
- Continue learning about music notation and how music is written down
- Singing a story; Doing the Animal Bop by Jan Ormerod and Lindsay Gardiner

Activity ideas for home - Encourage children to take part and sing songs

Ana – Nursery Teacher

Topic: Smart Hedgehog

- Talking about Harvest
- Recognise shape and letters from the ABC
- Exploring with apples – cutting, baking, tasting, looking at $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$
- Playing with play dough and apples
- Nut hunt as squirrels – counting (Ana dressing up a squirrel)

Things to do at home:

- Counting leaves in the park
- Watching squirrels
- Preparing and looking for dried food to bring to nursery

Can you please bring baskets, leaves, acorns and pinecones for our nature corner.
Thank you

Stella – Art

News: Please bring in any old white sheets and fabric so we can make printing on them.

Topic: Season change

- Look at colours – see the trees outside
- Painting with twigs and leaves
- Making Harvest boxes for the festival
- Chalk rubbing
- Continue with the Pumpkin song
- Reading Conker and Nudge the Usborne book of modern art and The Art book for children
- Artists of the month is Guiseppe and Twombly
- Listening to The Planets and Mozart

Patrick – Sport

Topic: Games and multi-skills

Sunflowers and Firebirds

Topic: Negotiating space

- Looking at how we can negotiate space by moving around
- Looking at how we can discover space by using our eyes
- Exploring how we can create space

Lasers

Topic: Exploring on how to make shapes with movements by using control and co-ordination

- Looking at making shapes with our bodies eg, triangle, square etc
- Making shapes with different movements
- Creating shapes with cones and explore how many different ways we can move around them

Have a great week, as always our door is always open.

Kind Regards

Jo and Katy