

Our topic in Reception is Autumn. Here are some ways you can help support your child's learning at home:



Autumn

Autumn walk, Fruit and vegetables, The Leaf Man



Communication and Language, Literacy

- Read stories and encourage good listening - always ask questions about the story- our stories this week are - *The Leaf Man, The Gruffalo*,
- Singing number songs and learning our weekly nursery rhyme - **5 Autumn leaves**
- Ask them to talk about what they have done at school each day
- Encourage them to speak in full, grammatically correct sentences
- Phonics - we are learning a sound a day - keep going through phonic folders will come home this week

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be going for an *Autumn walk* together and talking about the things we find (taking turns in conversations and listening and responding to others with relevance)
- Go for an Autumn walk and let your child bring the things they find into school
- We will play nicely with our friends and always follow our school rules.

Physical Development

- We will be practising holding pencils, pens, paint brushes, glue sticks correctly (three fingers - tripod grip) making *an autumn collage*, printing autumn trees, creating characters from *The Leaf Man*, daily colouring in and letter formation
- We will be making *pumpkin soup*- if you can let your child help chop vegetables safely at home!
- We will try to put on our own coat and zip it up before we go outside, please encourage your child to do it themselves at home

Maths

- We will talk about the shape and size of our autumn objects - we will make *autumn patterns*
- Singing number songs (5 Autumn Leaves ...) - ask you child to sing at home. See if they can recognise numbers to 10, then beyond.
- Counting by rote to 10 and beyond - ask them to count as they go upstairs, as you wash their hair...
- Accurate counting of objects to 5, then beyond-count things slowly and carefully - *count conkers, acorns, leaves...*

Understanding the World

- Talk about Autumn colour, weather and the seasons
- Help your child to *notice how the weather is different in Autumn (What happens to the trees? Why? etc)*
- We will be naming and describing the things we find on our Autumn walk- what are they? What do they feel like? Why are they here?

Expressive Arts and Design

- Ask your child to sing their favourite songs
- We will be looking at the colour of our autumn leaves and trees and making these colours by mixing paints
- We will be creating *autumn trees* by printing
- We will be touching and feeling our autumn objects and learning new words to describe them.

Dates to remember:

School Photo Day - Friday 20th Oct

Halloween Party - Friday 27th Oct. Come to school dressed up! Parents can stay and play 9am-10 am.