

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, The Gruffalo



Communication and Language, Literacy

- Read stories and encourage good listening - always ask questions about the story- our stories this week are - *The Gruffalo, The Leaf Man, Owl Babies*
- Sing number songs and learn our weekly nursery rhyme.
- Ask them to talk about what they have done at school each day.
- Encourage them to speak in full, grammatically correct sentences.

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 patterns, creating leaf men and animals, daily colouring in and letter formation
- We will be making *apple crisps, stewed apples*- 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 ourselves 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 etc) - ask you child to sing at home. See if they can recognise numbers to 10.
- Counting by rote to 20 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?
- Go for a walk and bring Autumn things into school.

Expressive Arts and Design

- We will be looking at the colour of our autumn leaves and trees and making these colours by mixing paints.
- We will be making pictures with leaves in response to the Leaf Man.
- We will be creating *repeating patterns* by printing.
- We will be touching and feeling our autumn objects and learning new words to describe them
- We will use props and music *to re-tell stories*

Things to remember:

Bring your lending library books to school every Friday. Bring your phonic folder to school every day.

Halloween Party, come dressed up - stay and play (9am -10am) Friday 22nd October

Parents evening - Monday 8th November (chance to look at children's books, chat to teacher either face to face or via telephone)

