

EYFS Newsletter: Autumn 2

Nursery

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Literacy - We have been reading:



Percy The Parkkeeper - The children explored the changing season of autumn through the stories of Percy the Park Keeper. They learned about caring for animals, working together, and looking after our environment through play, storytelling and hands-on exploration.



Wow! Said The Owl – The children explored light, colour and the beauty of the world around them. Through play and observation, they learned to notice changes and express wonder at new experiences.

Phonics

The children have continued to enjoy fun, playful activities to develop their early phonics skills. We have focused on **Phase 1, Aspects 4-6,** exploring rhythm and rhyme, alliteration and voice sounds. Through singing songs, sharing rhymes, playing listening games and using our voices in different ways, the children have been learning to listen carefully to sounds and patterns in language. These experiences are supporting the development of their listening, attention and speaking skills, building strong foundations for early reading and communication.

Nursery Highlights

<u>Understanding the World -</u> Nursery have been learning about the world around them, noticing changes in the weather and the signs of autumn. We have explored the outdoors, observing falling leaves, cooler temperatures and seasonal colours, and talked about how these changes affect people, animals and plants. The children have also been exploring celebrations and learning about how people mark special occasions all around the world, including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Hannukah and Christmas. Through these activities, the children have begun to understand different cultures, traditions and ways of celebrating, helping them to appreciate the diversity of the world around them.

<u>Expressive Art and Design - Nursery</u> have been developing their creativity through a range of art, music and sensory experiences. The children explored still-life paintings using autumnal vegetables, experimenting with colour, shape and texture. They also enjoyed baking gingerbread men, learning about changes in ingredients through mixing and cooking. During Nursery Rhyme Week, the children took part in singing, music and movement activities, building confidence and creativity while exploring rhythm and rhyme.

Mathematics

Nursery have been developing their early maths skills through fun, hands-on activities. The children have been beginning to order number names, noticing and recognising 1, 2 and 3, joining in with repeating patterns, and exploring position and space. These experiences are helping them build confidence with numbers, patterns and spatial awareness, supporting their problem-solving and early reasoning skills.

Croxteth Hall Farm Visit

Nursery had a wonderful time visiting Croxteth Hall Farm! The children enjoyed getting hands-on with the animals, feeding them and exploring their surroundings. They learned about different animals, what they eat, and how to care for them, all while having fun and discovering more about the world around them.

