



EYFS Newsletter: Autumn 2

Reception

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Literacy - We have been reading:

The Little Red Hen – Beginning to read short captions and recognising stories have beginning, middle and endings.



The Leaf Thief – Making predictions, orally rehearsing then writing short captions and reading our work back.



Oh Dear! – Developing awareness of understanding rhythm and rhyme.



Reception Highlights:

Understanding the World: We have been learning about a wide range of celebrations. From Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day to Diwali, Advent, and Christmas, as well as exploring seasonal changes, there has been so much new learning taking place. We also thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the StoryBarn at Calderstones, where we searched for fairies, discovered new stories, and even created our own.

Expressive Arts and Design: This half term, the children explored painting and printing patterns and images, inspired by artists Alma Thomas and Orla Kiely. They also took part in environmental transient art using loose and malleable materials. Alongside this, the children enjoyed making pumpkin soup and baking bread and biscuits. I love seeing how independent they are becoming exploring with their own creations!

Physical Development: We have continued to enjoy our gymnastics sessions with a specialist coach from Gymfinity. We have also practised our fine motor skills through Dough Disco, finger gym, scissor activities, and developing pencil grip, while building independence by learning to put on coats and aprons.

Phonics

In phonics, we have learned all of our single-letter sounds and practised blending sounds orally to make words. We have also made a very strong start in blending sounds to read words independently. I am incredibly proud of all the children's achievements this half term!

Mathematics

In Maths, the children focused on developing their understanding of numbers to 5. They practised counting, subitising, comparing quantities, and exploring one more and one less. The children also learned about the composition of numbers, recognised and continued simple patterns, and explored 2D shapes.

What's coming up...

To be confirmed...

**We wish you all a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!**

