

Class Homework Projects

This term we will be sending our 'Home Learning' projects linked to our themes of Autumn Leaves. Written below are the homework activities for this half term. We would very much like you to complete these with your child. These projects are to be completed over three weeks and link to the work we will be covering in class. We will showcase the fantastic projects/photo's on our class twitter and website and the children also enjoy having their photo taken with their creations! Below are the two project titles. We want the children to enjoy the activities and be proud of their creations. Please bring them into Nursery for us to share with the other children. We want the projects to be as creative and fun as possible so don't be afraid to take some risks and go off on a tangent! Don't forget to Dojo photographs of you and your children enjoying being creative and having fun.

Project 1- 'Leaf crowns'

Collect a variety of leaves. Select two leaves and remove the leaf stalks. Overlap the leaves and pin together using one of leaf stalks.

Take another leaf, remove the leaf stalk, and pin. Keep going, adding one leaf at a time until there are enough joined together to go around your head. Use the final leaf stalk to join the first and last leaves together.

Project 2- 'Scavenger hunt'

How many of these autumn treasures can you find and collect?

- A tough or shiny evergreen leaf that has been shed
- The sound of a nut falling to the ground
- 2 different types of winged seed
- A lobed leaf (like an oak leaf)
- A plump sweet chestnut
- An acorn in its cup
- Fallen pine needles
- A parachute seed
- A shiny conker
- A leaf with teeth
- A pine cone (thick woody scales or bracts)
- A fir cone (thinner more flexible scales or bracts)
- The sound of the wind in the tree tops
- A fallen twig covered in moss or lichen
- A star-shaped leaf (look for sycamore and maples)
- 10 leaves each with a different autumn colour or shade
- A prickly sweet chestnut shell, opened to show the furry lining

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Autumn Leaves

Learning in Early Years

Nursery

The children have all settled in so well and have been busy making friends. The children will be understanding that playing and working together can help them get on with their new friends and build relationships. Personal, social and emotional development is an area within the EYFS and focuses on caring for themselves and others, their emotions and feelings as well as learning what makes them special and unique. This is the most important area in the first term at Nursery.

Autumn Leaves

We will be looking at seasonal changes and talking about what we can see, hear, smell and feel in the outdoor area. We will spend lots of time outside, searching for autumn leaves, talking about the shapes, textures and colours of all the different leaves we find. We will learn about shades and tones of colours when we sort our leaves by colour and match them to colour shade charts.

Percy The Park Keeper

We will be sharing the stories of Percy The Park Keeper (*After the Storm, One Snowy Night and A Year in Percy's park.*) The children will be able to act out the story in Percy's shed in our outdoor area.

Learning in Literacy

Speaking and Listening

Using our phonics games we will be exploring noises, musical instruments, environmental sounds and working on the pitch, volume and location of these sounds.

We will be learning new vocabulary related to the seasons. We will sing our weather song and think about what the weather is like today. We will be working on speaking in full sentences.

The Weather Song (sung to tune "Clementine") *What's the weather? What's the weather? What's the weather like today? Tell us (child's name) What's the weather? What's the weather like today? Is it sunny? (hold hands above head in a circle) Is it cloudy? (cover eyes with hands) Is it rainy out today? (flutter fingers downward) Is it snowy? (wrap arms around the body and shiver) Is it windy? ("blow children over with a swoop of your arms) What's the weather like today?*

Reading

We will be sharing familiar stories and introducing new texts. These will provide us with lots of opportunities to talk about the story, remember what has happened and make suggestions about what might happen next.

We will learn to read our own name and other familiar words e.g. mummy, daddy.

Writing

Working together, parents as partners.

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day so we can return paintings and letters from school to you. Please check this every night. We also encourage you to read with your child daily as this helps them to develop a love of reading and story telling.

We will be sending home WOW sheets for you to share any amazing and exciting things that your child has done at home.



Learning Outdoors

We will go on a 'welly walk' to Debdale Park and hunt for autumnal treasures and create unique seasonal sculptures with our families. We will talk to the children about the places they have explored and all the exciting natural resources they have found, and learn lots about seasonal change and the life cycle of plants along the way!

Learning in Maths

Number

We will be learning to count to 5. Singing counting songs and rhymes linked to Autumn time and counting Natural objects such as conkers, leaves and pinecones.

Can you sing 5 shiny conkers?

**Five shiny conkers on a conker tree,
Beautiful and brown, don't you all agree?**

Along came the wind,

And down one fell,

And a squirrel came to find it in it's green spiky shell.

Shape, space and measure

We will begin to use language to describe the size and position of objects.

Children will use 2D shapes to make Autumn related pictures

-Circle; square; rectangle and triangle

Being Imaginative with Music / Drama

The children in the Nursery will be learning lots of songs that we enjoy singing on a daily basis during our carpet sessions. The songs all have fun actions for the children to learn and we are sure that they will love singing and performing them for you at home. We will be focussing on nursery rhymes such as; Twinkle Twinkle, Hey Diddle Diddle, Humpty Dumpty.

"Play gives children
a chance to
practice what they
are learning." -Mr.
Rogers

Points to Remember

We hope you will be able to support your child's learning by helping them with the 'Home/ School Activities' that are printed on the back of this booklet. These activities follow learning and play linked to work within the nursery.

We endeavour to make Homework as fun and interactive as possible and this is a time when you can support your child and enjoy watching them learn. Always make sure that your child is enjoying doing their homework. If they're not then leave it and come back to it at another time.

Please read stories to your child every day. This will help their communication skills as well as feed their imagination and help them develop a love of reading.