Reception Class News

24th October 2025

Literacy



We enjoyed the story *The Leaf Thief* which looks at the changing life of a tree. Squirrel thinks the leaves from his tree are being stolen. The other animals in the wood help him to understand that the season has changed from Summer to Autumn and the leaves are changing colour and falling from the tree.
We sang *Autumn Leaves are Falling Down* by The Kidboomers – look it up it's very catchy.
The children completed a sentence using our tricky words; *is the* and described their favourite leaf.
We shared lots of super words and made a class list.

red yellow orange brown old tatty big small tiny spotty stripy smooth soft crunchy wrinkled bumpy dry wet pointy crispy crunchy straight curved

Learning fun

This week we have been finding out about Autumn. We used some new vocabulary – season, changes, senses, conker, acorn, pumpkin, harvest, berries, squirrel and the names of some common trees in our school grounds.
We went on a leaf hunt, finding signs of Autumn. The children were challenged to find different leaves – colours, shapes, sizes!
They did a brilliant job and found a bucket full!
Back in the classroom we matched the leaves to the colour swatches. We discovered that there are many different shades of the Autumn colours.



Maths

This week in maths we have been learning all about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been recognising images for each of these numbers – on dice patterns, objects, on a ten frame, on fingers etc The children are getting really good at recognising the amounts/numbers without needing to count – this is called subitising. We also enjoyed singing some rhymes.

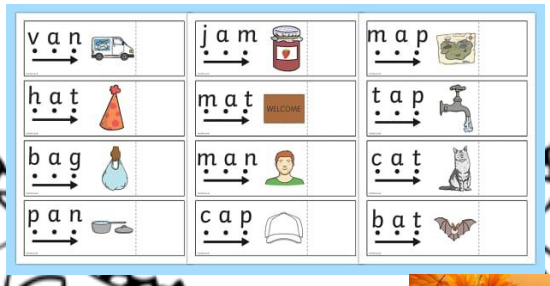
When I Was One!
Hickory Dickory dock - BBC Teach





Phonics

In phonics we have been recapping all that we have learnt from this half term - practising our tricky words, all the letters and their sounds that we know and using them to read some words with 3 letters



Next Week

- Phonics – learn the phonic sounds ff, ll, ss, j
- Reading stories about a witch
- Maths – continuing our topic It's Me 1,2 3! Looking at 1 more, 1 less and different ways of making 1,2,3
- Please send book packs into school everyday
- **Please pay snack money via the MCAS app – any questions please ask at the office**

Well done Reception you have worked so hard since starting big school!



Have a lovely half term break.
See you on Tuesday 2nd November