

HEVINGHAM UNDER 5's NEWSLETTER



Confident and Healthy Individuals
Successful Learners
Responsible Citizens
Friday 21st October 2022

What we have been doing:

This month we have been busy bee's learning all about autumn and the changes that happen when autumn arrives. We have shared a variety of autumnal themed stories, which has inspired us to go and explore the natural world around us and create some pictures/sculptures of our findings.

The Gruffalo

We have been sharing the *Gruffalo* story together, the children know this book brilliantly and could join in with repeated sentences and words. While reading the story we decided we would like to make our own *Gruffalo* Crumble, we all went for a big walk on the field to find some blackberries and apples. We picked some of these and brought them back to nursery to get them prepared for baking with. We took it in turns to cut up the apples and to weigh the flour, sugar and butter, we cooked the apples and then assembled the crumble together. We all tried it some of us thought it was delicious, great tasting everyone!



Autumnal Walk

We have been on autumnal walks around the school field, while walking we have been discussing the changes in the weather, the leaves on the trees and the different berries we can notice on the bushes. We have also noticed that the acorns and chestnuts have been falling and have loved collecting these! The children hit open the chestnut shells with a wooden log first and then collected the chestnuts carefully.



While on our autumn walk, we have been practicing our threading skills and creating special autumn wands by finding a stick and threading different leaves that we can find onto them. The children all did really well at this and was proud to use their wands to create spells!



Little Acorn

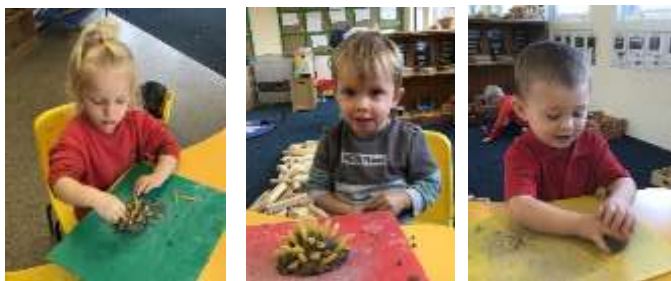
We have been sharing a book called 'Little Acorn', which tells the story of the life cycle of an acorn tree from an acorn's perspective. The children have all taken interest in this story, and are very eager to grow their own Acorn tree as we found an acorn



sapling on the school field. We spoke about what we needed to grow an acorn sapling, and decided we needed acorns, pots, soil, water and sunlight. We look forward to seeing if they have sprouted while we are away on half term.

Hedgehogs

We have been looking at autumnal animals and the children have been creating their own hedgehogs out of clay. We looked at images of hedgehogs and shared a story about them to understand what they do in autumn and how they prepare for hibernation. We then started to create our clay models discussing the feeling of the clay and how we can manipulate the clay into a hedgehog shape. We then added pasta to create the spikes and painted them brown.



Supersonic Phonic Friends

The children have been continuing to do their phonics daily, and have been joining in brilliantly their listening skills are improving and so are their concentration skills.

After half term we will begin to introduce the saying for the spellings, for example, S S S Squishy Strawberry. The children will be learning a new saying each week leading up to the summer holidays.

Autumn Activities



Pantosaurus

There is never a wrong time to teach the children about how to keep themselves safe, at nursery we have been watching the NSPCC Pantosaurus video and learning about how to keep ourselves safe.

We have spoken about the PANTS rules which are:

- P - privates are private
- A - always remember your body belongs to you
- N - no means NO
- T - talk about secrets that upset you
- S - speak up, someone can help

You can find more information and the Pantosaurus video here: [Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)



Changing Weather

As the weather is changing, the clothing the children will need for the garden will be changing too. We all NEED to have a pair of wellies and a puddle suit (or waterproofs) for the garden. These can be kept at nursery or they can be sent home after each session if required.

Please remember to send your child with a coat and appropriate clothing as the weather begins getting colder.

Reminders

- Please can the gate be shut behind when entering and leaving the nursery garden.
- We encourage a healthy meal at lunch, please could the children have an item of fruit or veg in their lunch.
- Please can children have spare clothes in their bags in case they get wet.

Key Dates

Last day of term - Friday 21st Oct
Return to school - Monday 31st Oct
Halloween Stay & Play - Monday 31st Oct
Learning Conversations - Tuesday 1st Nov
Learning Conversations - Wednesday 2nd
Halloween Stay & Play - Thursday 3rd Nov