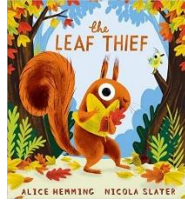


Term 1 topic- Who am I?

Autumn

Our story of the week – The Leaf Thief



This week we have been reading a variety of autumn stories.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We have been using our listening skills and remembering our classroom rules to ensure we learn and stay safe. We have also been concentrating on taking turns and looking out for others. In Jigsaw this week we enjoyed a Calm Me time listening to the chime and then thought about how important it is to be able to share and take turns with our friends. We have been practising this when we wait our turn on the trim trail. We also know how important it is to use our kind words, rather than unkind hands. This makes our school a safe and happy place to be for everyone. We know we can say, “please don’t do that I don’t like it...” or “please stop”. We enjoyed an assembly introducing our Learning Muscle, Andy Ant, who co-operates and works hard as part of a team, especially at ‘tidy up time’.

Communication and Language- This week we have been talking about what we might see in autumn. We loved looking closely at leaves that have changed colour, conkers and their spikey cases, berries, acorns and pinecones on the Finding Out table. We are seeing if we can spot any signs of autumn around our school grounds. Ask us to spot some signs of autumn on the way home from school. Listening to information PowerPoints and looking at objects is a great way to develop our thinking and communication skills. We are a chatty lot and love to talk to each other about all sorts of things during snack, playtime and “choosing a job” time. We are enjoying our French lessons and can say my name is... ‘je m’appelle’. We are also learning to count to 10 in French.

Physical Development- Outside play- we have enjoyed using various sports equipment on the playground this week, hockey sticks, bats, balls and hurdles. We are learning how to set up and use the equipment correctly and safely. We know we use two hands on a hockey stick and to keep it below waist height. We love using the planks, crates, bricks and tyres to create and use in our play. These activities help to develop our gross motor skills. We are developing our fine motor skills every day with a variety of activities; doing dough disco, exploring play dough, using tweezers, wrapping yarn, using chalks outside, paint brushes, handwriting, cutting and sticking, and handling various building and constructing toys. Squiggle is great fun and we are getting very good at making large movements to music to help develop gross motor skills. Our listening skills are amazing at this time too. In PE lesson this week we practised moving around the

hall in a variety of ways and throwing beanbags underarm and overarm into a hoop. The children coped well with getting changed in and out of their uniform.

Literacy- We continue to learn new sounds to help us to begin to read and write. This week our new sounds are 'd', 't' and 'i'. In our phonics sessions we recognise and write the new sound and have a go at orally blending sounds to make words, for example "d-a-d, dad" or "t-a-p, tap". We had a go at sorting objects by their initial sounds and matching them to the correct sound cards and have enjoyed using magnetic letters and finding the sounds we have learnt. We continue to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and share them with our friends.

Mathematics- We have been counting in 1s to 10; recognising our numbers to 10 and showing numbers on our fingers. This week we have been matching and sorting objects by type and identifying rules for grouping and sorting. We also have lots of practical apparatus available for the children to use to develop their skills in number and shape e.g. number tracks, little objects, counters, number formation cards, Numicon and shapes to explore; to name a few! Please ask us if you want to know more!

Understanding the World- We are enjoying the interactive whiteboard on different programmes every day and are getting very good at using these programmes. Often better than the teachers! We love exploring all the different signs of autumn that children have brought into school and we enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation about what happens during autumn. We know that some birds fly to warmer places in the autumn and some animals hibernate.

Expressive Arts and Design- We were very busy on the art table this week. We finger painted autumn leaves on trees, made silhouette paintings, used paint and a fork to create autumn pictures and made a paper plate scarecrow. On the malleable table we threaded, used tweezers and we got very tangled making yarn leaf wraps! We are not only creative at the art table, we are still enjoying our role play and our independent 'making' areas! We love singing and are learning to sing a song about Belonging in Singing Assembly. In our music lesson we listened to a song, learnt and performed a new song and found the pulse and moved in time with the music.

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Supporting learning at home

- Challenging your child to put their coat on by themselves and fasten it up.
- Practise rhyming words bat – cat – mat / beg – peg - etc.
- Practise oral blending, "put on your c-oa-t, please".
- Continue to enjoy lots of different bedtime stories.
- Spot some signs of autumn when you are out and about.

Notes for next week 7.10.24

- Remember coats, book bags and water bottles to be in school every day.
- Practise getting dressed and undressed by yourself every day.
- Halloween Disco on 22nd October from 3.30-4.15. Buy tickets using the QR code on the poster on ParentPay.