Our newsletter

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What have we been doing in Little Pips?

This week we have really enjoyed doing lots of Halloween activities. We have made Halloween sun catchers where we used our pincer grip to rip some coloured paper and stick to our sun catchers. We have also used crayons and pencils to colour pumpkins pictures. We have had lots of fun splashing in the water and pushing to bots around the tray too. This week we went for a walk into the forest where the children enjoyed climbing through the trees and bushes and jumping in muddy puddles. Next term we will be introducing Makaton to the babies with our "Makaton sign of the week", so some of your little ones might start using some signs at home. Hope you all have a lovely break.

What have we been doing in Appleblossoms?

For our final week before half term, we have continued our learning of Autumn through exploring the outside and being creative. We have created autumn wreaths to hang around nursery using leaves, glue and paper plates and have created autumn print pictures using potatoes and apples along with autumnal colours. The children have enjoyed exploring 'crunchy' and 'soggy' leaves in the garden and have found lots of little bugs along the way that have opened up new conversations around the garden. Starting back in November we will draw on our experiences of Halloween. We plan to do lots of fun Halloween activities, along with our new topic 'Transport'. We hope everybody has a lovely break!

What have we been doing in Preschool?

To continue our learning of autumn, this week the preschool room has been learning all about autumn animals. We have been identifying which animals are preparing themselves for the cold winter months, we learnt about their habitats and where they may build their winter homes.

Phonics

This week in phonics we took ourselves outside on a listening walk, we found different areas in the garden and took a moment to take a deep calming breath and listen carefully to the sounds. We heard cars, the wind blowing the leaves, the children inside and some birds chirping.

Maths

In maths we have been using our five little pumpkins song to explore the concept of more than, each time we finished a verse of the song I added another pumpkin and asked, ‘what is one more than’, we counted the pumpkins and reminded ourselves one more three is four, the children did fantastic at using this term.

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Dates for the diary

Friday 23rd October	- Nursery closes
Monday 2nd November	- Nursery reopens
Monday 2nd November	- Halloween dress up day
Friday 27th November	- INSET DAY (Nursery closed)
Friday 18th December	- Nursery closes 1:30pm
Tuesday 5th January	- Nursery reopens

STARS OF THE WEEK!

2-3 room: Maeve

3-4 room: Callum