



Friday 5th November



It's lovely to see the children back after the holiday. We hope you had a good week. We enjoyed looking at some of your activities on Tapestry. Our focus book this week was a non-fiction text about autumn, as we learn about each season as we go through the year. We have learnt lots of facts about autumn. We talked about autumn trees, conkers (we know that they grow on a horse chestnut tree), acorns (we learnt that they grow on oak trees),

hedgehogs, squirrels and we talked about hibernation. The children drew and described an autumn tree. They used colour words to write an autumn poem. They printed with leaves and used conkers in paint to make pictures. They also painted a squirrel and gave it a bushy tail and they made spiky clay hedgehogs. The children also used chunky needles to thread leaves on to wool, and did it carefully and safely. We have also learnt two songs about autumn leaves and a song about squirrels.



The nursery children also enjoyed making things with scented play dough. It was scented with cinnamon or ginger. They had fun printing with leaves, as you can see here.

In Maths, we learnt about 7 in all contexts. We made 7 in different ways, using counting apparatus, fingers and £5 notes and £2 and £1 coins. They looked at a jar of conkers and guessed how many were inside, then counted to see if they were right. Some were very good at estimating.

In **Phonics** we have started Phase 2. We learnt the sounds **s a t p**. we wrote the letters using the phrases 'slither down the snake' (s), 'round the apple and down the stalk' (a), 'down the tower across the tower' (t), 'down the plait up the plait and round the face' (p). The pictures that go with the letter writing phrases are on the sheet that was handed out at the meeting on Thursday. We practised writing the letters on big outlines and sorted objects that begin with those sounds.

Reading Stars



Well done to Darlie who has achieved her Well-Read certificate for reading 20 books from the essential reading list this week!



We introduced The Wise Old Owl ELLI character. We listened to the story about why the Wise Old Owl chose to live in the old oak tree. We learnt that owls do good looking and good listening. We know that that is the way to learn.



Well done to Ernie who is Waveney Class's Star of the week! He has shared his knowledge about autumn with much enthusiasm and can now write some letters at the beginning of words by identifying the initial sound.

THANK YOU to those parents who attended the curriculum meeting on reading, phonics and maths. We have changed how we teach these subjects in the last few years, so, for those who were unable to attend, the handout pack will be sent home with your child. We will add a link to Tapestry showing how to say the pure sounds.

Home Learning

- Nursery** Talk about what you wear on a cold day and a wet day. Get out the clothes you need. Can you put them on yourself? Can you name all the items of clothing?
- Reception** Practise writing s a t p and CVC words sat sap pat tap.
- Make a weather chart for the week with pictures for the weather each day.

Have a good weekend!

Waveney Class Team

