

Flitwick Day Nursery's Newsletter October 2020



We are so excited to be getting back to a little bit of normality, even with all the new measures in place to make sure everyone is safe. You may have noticed as children are coming in they are washing their hands and we continue this regularly throughout the day.

We have been having great fun exploring our autumn activities, look out for our posts on Family to see what we have been getting up to.



Hedgehogs

We are going to be getting arty in the Hedgehogs room, making our own hedgehog pictures by gluing and sticking leaves that we find in the garden. We will be extending this by mark making in clay and making clay hedgehogs to take home too.

With Halloween just around the corner we will be making ghost footprints using paint, giving us a chance to explore different textures using different parts of our bodies.



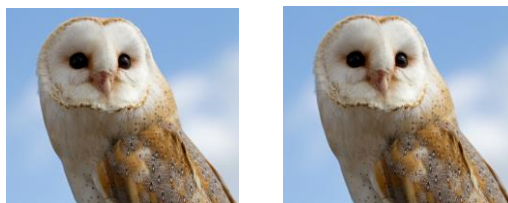
Otters.



Otters will be focusing on name recognition they will be using the log slices to find their names at circle time in the morning and afternoon. We can't wait to get messy in the tactile play and enjoy creating lots of different Halloween crafts. We will be discussing the outside and what changes we can see, then we shall go on to making autumn pictures with leaf rubbings and gluing and sticking activities.



Owls



Owls have settled back into their routine very well. They are enjoying the free flow to the garden and have been enjoying getting muddy in the garden in the mud kitchen and digging pit. As the

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children have started using some describing words we are looking forward to exploring the insides of pumpkins and foamy ghosts.

We will be going on a scavenger hunt to see what natural items we can find in the garden and will be using these to make treasure baskets for the rooms. As we have been showing an interest in sensory play we are also planning to find different textures to create sensory pouches to take home.



Badgers.

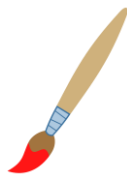


We are going to be talking about different emotions this month and practise taking about our feelings. We will also be practising different expressions which we will then carve onto our pumpkins.

We are planning on painting some of our pumpkins and decorating the allotment with them.

Numbers are also a big focus with the badgers children this month, so there will be lots of number activities being carried out including: number matching, number hunts in the garden and tactile play with hidden numbers.

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Deer



We will be learning number songs in Deer room this month, this will help us working on number recognition and our counting skills.

Lots of the children have been showing an interest in the mark making area both inside and in the garden area. They are particularly keen on forming the letters from their names this is also something we will be focusing on.

Our allotment area has been a popular success with the children watching their vegetables grow and giving them to Rachel in the kitchen to add into their lunch. Pre-school have already been discussing the change in weather, so they will be looking at the differences outside and talking about them at circle time. They will also be making stained glass windows using autumn colours so the sun can reflect off the colours into the room.

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Reminders:-

- Please remember wellie boots and waterproofs as the wet weather is here.
- Please remember to keep socially distanced when dropping off and collecting your child/children.
- If possible please label your child's clothes.

Changes:

We would like to welcome Sam back to nursery from maternity leave. She will be continuing in her deputy manager role, Sam will be working closely with Kim as they now are sharing this role. Sam is also room leading in the Badgers room.

We have had some new staff join us as we get busier, we have welcomed new staff members...

- Christina Nansoz - Level 3 Nursery Practitioner in Hedgehogs. Christina will be based in the Hedgehog room Tuesday through to Friday

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- Vikki Amphlett - Vikki has been with us for a little while now as the room leader in the pre - school room. She is level 6 qualified. Vikki works every day except a Thursday.
- Audrey Edwards - Level 3 Nursery Practitioner, Audrey has joined our Pre School team and has already made some lovely bonds with the children in the Deer room.
- Hayley Aitken - Room Leader in Owls, Hayley is Level 6 Qualified and working with us Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Upcoming events:

Nursery Photos: Date to be confirmed photos will be ready for Christmas delivery

Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness on the 21st October 2020 we will be dressing up in pink and there will be cakes and hot drinks on sale in the morning.

Halloween dress up day on Friday 30th October 2020

Pumpkin week: W/C 26th October 2020 (we would like families to decorate a pumpkin and bring it into nursery. There will be prizes for the spookiest pumpkin, judged by the children)

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Unfortunately due to the current situation we will be unable to carry out parents evenings at the moment, however if you would like to meet with your child's key worker please send them a message via the 'Family' app and they will arrange a convenient time with you. Your child's next summative reports and trackers are due in January 2021 we will send these home for you to read.

Thank you for your continued support
Holly and Flitwick Day Nursery Team.