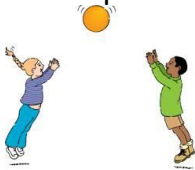
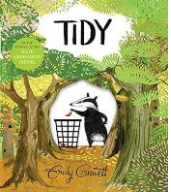
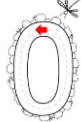




Pre-School Newsletter – 28th September 2026

We will continue to focus on settling in and exploring our new environment with an Autumn theme reflected in our provision, stories and songs.

Communication Language and Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Physical Development	Expressive Arts and Design	Personal, Social and Emotional Development
					
Books of the week   Learning to recognise our names as we find our pebble each day to self-register. To enjoy mark making experiences and give meaning to their marks, commenting on what they have drawn or 'written'.	SONG OF THE WEEK: Learning the counting song '5 shiny conkers'. Click here for the link to practice this song at home too. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhIuJIq1W3E Number of the week We will be introducing our number program 10 town with the focus on number 0 Character name: Zero Pond Write it rhyme: Start at the top, nice and slow. All the way round and there you go! 	Investigating at the woodwork bench. Learning to put on safety glasses and control the hammer to tap nails into wood. Exploring the signs of Autumn: conkers leaves Autumn colours acorns pumpkins Harvest Talk about some of our Autumn finds.	Fine motor skills challenges (to help strengthen those hand muscles): Using tweezers to collect autumnal coloured pom-poms, conkers and mini pumpkins. Using rolling pins and cutters with the playdough.	Painting at the easel with autumnal colours. Learning to access our own paper and put our paintings to dry on the drying rack. Selecting our own resources from the art area to make our own collage pictures.	We will be supporting the children with their sharing skills. We will be using the Makaton sign for 'share' with the children. SIGN OF THE WEEK:  Share Click the link here to see this sign in action. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71cvo_FkEqA



How you can help

Be an Autumn detective with your child and talk about the Autumnal changes you notice around you - the changing colours of the leaves, the leaves falling from the trees, finding conkers in the park and the cooler weather. We will be making autumn bags for your child to take home and collect little bits of autumn!

We are still collecting family photos. PLEASE send us a photo so that we can put it up on our family wall. The children have been choosing a spot where they would like to put their photographs - it's such a lovely talking point and can help when the children are missing home. You can email the picture to school (preschool@stanley.richmond.sch.uk) if you don't have access to a printer.

Playdough is provided as part of our ongoing provision week so we would very happy to receive any donations of ingredients;

- Vegetable oil
- Cream of tartar
- Plain flour
- Salt

As the weather turns colder, there are lots of runny noses and we encourage the children to come to the wiping station where we have a mirror, tissues and a bin. We encourage them to do this independently (but are always on hand if they need help). Please encourage them at home to reinforce the message. As always, donations of boxes of tissues are always welcome!

Preschool Team x