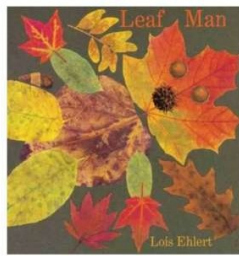
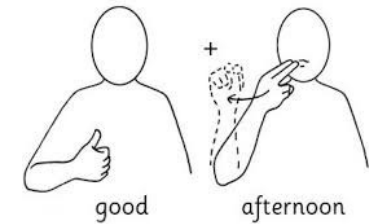


Our topic: Autumn/Harvest

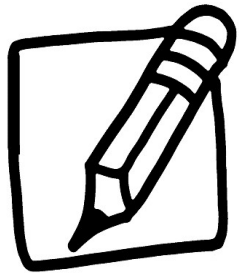


Week beginning: 28/09/26



Makaton: This weeks Makaton sign is 'Good Afternoon'

Key Vocab: autumn, harvest, squash, marrow, conkers, pine cones, acorn



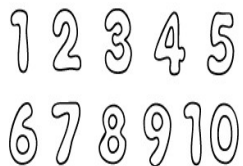
We will spend time looking at a range of story books linked to Autumn and harvest.
Some of our favourite books that we will be sharing:
Leaf Man
Autumn is here
Gruffalo Granny
The focus of writing will be for the children to be able to hear the initial sounds when writing a shopping list. Also, looking at a poem called 'Chop chop' from Poetry basket.

If you can, please share books with your children at home or any other texts that have a similar theme.



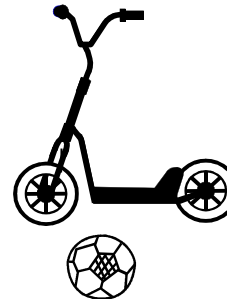
This week, we will be exploring how trees change during Autumn. We will go on a leaf hunt around the school to see what we can remember and discuss the different colours we notice on our walk.
Afterwards, we will sort our leaves by colour, linking this activity to our current maths topic.

In Nature School, we will be foraging for leaves to create our very own leaf crowns. We will also be planting daffodil bulbs and learning about how they need time to establish their roots before the ground gets too cold, ready for them to pop up in spring!



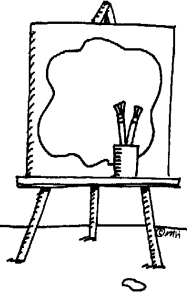
This autumn I with White Rose we will be matching, sorting and comparing. The children will be introduced to the concept of matching and will start matching physical objects.

We will start off by looking at the use of language 'big, little, large, small' using our bodies to make us really tall and small, using construction to make big and tiny buildings. Thinking about the weight of objects and if they would be heavier or lighter –Can we tell by looking



This week, we will be working on our gross motor skills through a variety of physical activities in the outdoor area. We will encourage the children to use the tyres to create their own obstacle courses and challenge themselves in different ways. We will also encourage construction using our tile connecting pieces, supporting the children to develop their creativity and problem-solving skills.

We will also enjoy our PE session with Coach Ella on Tuesday, where the children will have the opportunity

	at it or feeling it? As well as making a friendship potion tying in our value 'Responsibility' using different size containers that hold different volumes of liquid.		to develop their physical skills, coordination and confidence through a range of fun and engaging activities. In our water play area, the children will have the opportunity to create their own water runs using large tubes and connecting pieces together. We will encourage the children to make independent choices about the activities they would like to explore, such as building a den, making soup in the mud kitchen or creating their own campsite.
	This week, the children will be exploring different aspects of Autumn, including leaves, conkers, acorns and trees. They will have opportunities to draw from observation, working collaboratively on large sheets of paper. We will also provide a range of creative opportunities in the classroom for the children to explore and experiment with the different colours and variations they can see on the trees around them. The children's challenge will be to create their own pictures outdoors using natural materials, particularly leaves. In Nature School, they will also use leaves to create their very own leaf crowns. We will explore colour mixing through Autumn-themed painting, using corks to print and create patterns and pictures. The children will experiment with mixing colours to see what new colours they can create, encouraging them to develop their creativity and confidence when exploring different artistic techniques.		This week, we will be thinking about other people's feelings and how we can use kind hands when playing and interacting with our friends. We will encourage the children to play with a range of different children, helping them to develop their communication and social skills, build confidence and make new friendships. We will be focusing on the feeling angry and talking about how it is okay to feel angry. We will explore different ways we can help ourselves to calm down when we begin to feel angry and discuss how we can manage our feelings safely, without hurting others. We will also be talking about our school value for this term: Responsibility. We will explore what it means to be responsible for our actions, our feelings and the way we treat others.

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Reminders:

- Please make sure you have sent in a family photo.
- Please remember a **named water bottle** (water only) and book bag everyday. Make sure jumpers and clothes are named.

Question of the week: What do you notice about this time of the year (Autumn)?

Tapestry Challenge: Autumn Walk- What can you spot? Collecting bag which will be given out on Friday at the end of the day.

Each week there will be a challenge set for you to complete at home and then share your child's achievements with us via Tapestry. Please ensure you are signed up to Tapestry and logging on, uploading pictures and commenting regularly! We love to find out about your adventures at home!

How you can help at home:

Looking at the changes in the environment as we move into Autumn, lots of careful counting practice and talking to your child about the wonderful things that make them special.

Thank you,
Reception team