

Nursery Newsletter – Autumn 2

This half term, Nursery's topic is 'colours of the rainbow'. We will be learning all about colours through the mini topics - Autumn and feelings.

During this half term we are asking you to work with your child to complete 7 challenges. That's one challenge a week. When you have completed each one take a photo and post it onto Tapestry. The homework challenges are below

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Colours of the Rainbow

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Have a colour themed treasure hunt. Invite the children to find coloured gems. Can they find one of each colour? Can they work together to ensure everyone finds the gems?
- Encourage children to talk about the mood the Mood Monsters are feeling. Have the children experienced that feeling?
- Have a colour party invite the children to wear their favourite colour and have colour themed snacks

Physical Development

- Provide the children with coloured scarves. Invite the children to make a rainbow dance moving their bodies and the scarves.
- Provide large brushes, paints and large sheets of paper. Invite the children to use large muscle movements to paint arch shapes of different colours to make a rainbow.
- Help the children to practise their small motor skills by arranging small coloured buttons onto a rainbow shaped template. Encourage the children to use their finger and thumb pincer grip.

Communication & Language

- Show the children the autumn objects that they collected from their autumn walk. Can they talk about them and describe them?
- Provide a selection of coloured pompoms, beads and buttons. Invite the children to talk about the colours, introducing new vocabulary such as lighter and darker
- While out on an autumn walk, encourage the children to listen to sounds they can hear. Ask them to describe the different sounds they are hearing.

Literacy

- Clap the syllables in autumnal object names
- Provide the children with a tray of red, yellow and orange powder paint, along with a selection of leaves with letters on and a stick. Encourage the children to practise forming the letters in the powder.

Maths

- Play a game with the children where you hide a toy hedgehog or squirrel in different places. Encourage the children to use prepositions to describe where the toy is.
- Provide a range of 2D shapes, such as circles, squares, triangles and rectangles. Ask the children to create autumn-themed shape pictures.
- Offer a range of natural objects, such as pine cones, conkers, leaves and small twigs. Encourage the children to make repeating patterns with the natural objects.
- Cut some coloured paper into different lengths to make paper caterpillars. Invite children to compare the lengths of caterpillars.
- Hide some coloured gems in a tray of sand. Invite children to sort the gems onto five-frames and count to see how many there are of each colour.

Understanding the World

- Show the children the pumpkins. Predict what might be inside. Cut open the pumpkin and explore using magnifying glasses, spoons and ice cream scoops to scoop the flesh and seeds out.
- Look at pictures of different animals that we see during autumn. Talk about their habitat, what they eat and how we can look after them.
- Take the children out on an autumn walk. Ask them to look around at all the different things they can see.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Place a selection of autumnal leaves in a large activity tray and provide paint colour testing cards. Encourage the children to match the different leaves to the correct colour on the cards. Can they talk about how the colours of the leaves are different?
- Provide a range of leaves of different shapes and sizes, along with autumn-coloured paints. Allow the children to dip the leaves into the paint and print their patterns on to paper.

Stories

- The roll away pumpkin
- Autumn
- It was a cold dark night
- Colour me happy
- Kippers snowy day
- Dear Santa
- Little Owl and the Shining Star

Songs

- 2 little dickie birds
- Autumn leaves are falling down
- I'm a little hedgehog
- Rainbow song
- 5 little snowmen fat
- When Santa got stuck up the chimney
- Twinkle Twinkle little star

Homework challenges

1. Carve a pumpkin
2. Go on an autumnal walk and collect conkers etc
3. Can you find 10 stones, 9 leaves, 8 conkers, 7 feathers etc
4. Practise writing your name
5. Practise putting your coat on and zipping it up by yourself
6. Practise singing 3 nursery rhymes
7. Practise using a knife and fork to cut up your dinner