



Netherlee Nursery Class







Learning Links

26th October 2020 – 30th October 2020



Nursery Rhyme of the Week Ten Little Skeletons sitting on the wall

Some possible playful learning opportunities:

Saplings Building	Acorns Building
<p>Spinderella </p> <p>Some of our children have developed an interest in spiders over recent weeks. With this in mind, the children will be reading Spinderella by Julia Donaldson to continue to spark their imagination and focus on identifying WOW words that make the story vivid and interesting.</p>	<p>Day and Night </p> <p>Following on from this weekend's daylight saving clock change, the children will be learning about day and night. Focusing on the sun and how it affects light and darkness, as well as human and animal activity. The children will be asked questions about day and night and what makes them different, as well as taking part in a scavenger hunt.</p>
<p>Creative Clock </p> <p>With driftwood and stones collected during the October holidays, some children decided to work collectively to create a large clock. Once the clock is complete the children will be encouraged to use the stone numbers to identify and order missing numbers.</p>	<p>Celebrating Differences </p> <p>Recently there has been a lot of discussion about similarities and differences in terms of appearance. With this in mind, we are going to continue this focus on diversity and celebrate our differences.</p>
<p>Painting </p> <p>This week the children have been exploring different purposes for paint as a creative medium. Some children have been painting leaves and will continue this focus by using various other paints on different materials and surfaces.</p> <p>Allowing the children to gain confidence exploring and experimenting with materials to discover their potential and purposes.</p>	<p>Pumpkin Soup </p> <p>While following a recipe the children will be learning about order using first, next and last. They will become aware of the importance of following the correct order to ensure the soup tastes delicious. Children will also be encouraged to recall the order they prepared things while making the soup by using first, next and last.</p>



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Planting



This week the children have asked to plant bulbs as part of some of the improvements they want to make to the nursery garden. The children will spend some time considering bulb choice, by looking at books, on the iPads and catalogues for inspiration. Outside, the children will mark out a design on the ground for the bulbs and calculate how many bulbs are required. They will be discussing a bulb's lifecycle at this point.

Sticks



Recently the children have been playing with sticks outdoors and have been discussing various ways to use sticks throughout the nursery. They have decided they would like to transform the sticks into magic wands. The children will be encouraged to use their wands during imaginary play. **(If you are out a nice nature walk over the weekend, feel free to collect and bring some sticks along to nursery.)**

Halloween



As Saturday is Halloween, the children (and staff) will be invited to dress up and come to nursery on Friday in costume. If your child does not come to nursery on Friday, please let them feel free to dress up one day that they attend.

- **When considering possible costume ideas, please think about obstacles such as toileting and outdoor learning.**
- **We ask that children don't bring any dressing up accessories from home e.g masks, brooms, light sabres or swords as they will be unable to play with these. Some children are frightened by face paint as they find it difficult to recognise their familiar friends.**
- **Children may choose to wear their own clothes instead of dressing up.**

The children will be participating in many Halloween traditions such as carving pumpkins, singing Halloween songs/rhymes and dooking for apples (with a fork in their hand). Halloween also provides an opportunity to transform the water tray into a spider's web, encouraging the children to use fine motor skills to see what creepy crawlies lie beneath. Children will be able design a pumpkin on the Smartboard and join in with some Yoga : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArOzn2dtDdA>