

Huttoft Nursery Learning Through Play November 2018



Topic: Autumn Celebrations

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> 	<p>With the excitement of Halloween and Bonfire Night as well as the arrival of darker evenings we will be talking about 'being afraid'. We will be sharing simple stories such as 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' and 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. All gentle tales which will help to offer reassurance to the children.</p>
<p>Communication and Language (Listening and Attention, Understanding and Speaking)</p>	<p>'Guess What's in my bag?' – over the next couple of weeks we will be having lots of fun guessing what's in our feely bag. What does it feel like? Is it soft or hard? Is it smooth or bumpy? What might it be!?</p>
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>We will be putting on our waterproof clothing and using the outdoors as much as possible to explore the different sounds we can make in the autumn leaves as we march, stamp and splash! Indoors, as the children roll, squash and squeeze the 'Pumpkin' play dough they will be strengthening those muscles essential for a good pencil hold.</p>
<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>As the children begin to recognise their own name the ability to be able to write it becomes very important to them. Before young children can acquire a fluent and comfortable handwriting style they need to develop good gross and fine motor skills, recognition of pattern, the language to talk about shape and patterns. Over the next few weeks we will be using our special sensory stones to explore, describe and recreate some basic letter shapes with our hands in a range of lovely media – starting with some soft scented pumpkin coloured shaving foam!</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>We will be learning one or two new number rhymes and as we do so we will be concentrating on developing our problem solving skills. "Five Little Pumpkins sitting on a gate....one falls off and then there were only ..." Five firework rockets sitting on the wall....one zooms away and then there were only ..."</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p>We will be having lots of messy fun exploring our pumpkins. I wonder what we will find inside? Who will be brave enough to take a peek? Who will be brave enough to put their hand inside? What does it feel like?</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> 	<p>Our 'Messy Area' will be a hive of activity as we mix, print, dab, roll, splatter and sprinkle paint, glue and glitter to make the most wonderful 'firework' pictures.</p>

Fun things to do at home to support your child's early writing:

- Point out words on shops and on shop signs to your child so that s/he begins to understand that print is all around us. You could also look out for the letters in their name.
- Talk about the shape and importance of the first letter in your child's name
- Make their 'special' letter in the air, in sand, out of play dough or chalk it on the ground outside and let them walk along it.
- Once they are familiar with the first letter explore the other letters in their name together. Cut out the letters in their name and practise ordering them.
- Introduce a little story eg this letter is has a name it is called the letter s and it makes a sound ssss
- Please don't ask your child to trace over the letters in their name until they have developed a good pencil hold and are able to sequence the letters to make their own name independently.

Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child brings a spare pair of clothing and if applicable enough nappies, 'pull ups' and wipes for the session ☺