



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY NEWS
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Dear Parents,

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who was able to attend our assembly yesterday. I am sure you will agree that they all did a marvellous job, since it was their first time. It can be very daunting to stand in front of such a big audience and not everyone felt confident to speak this time. As we progress through the year, confidence will grow and more children will want to contribute more.

We began our week by discussing why we think the leaves have started to fall from the trees. This was the starting point for our knowledge harvest about autumn, to find out what the children already know about seasonal change.

In the coming weeks we will continue to take the opportunity to experience change first hand within our outdoor classroom and in the school's forest area. Learning by experience is far more meaningful than by just talking.

To link with autumn, we have shared a delightful new book 'The Leaf Man' by Louis Ehlert. The story is about a man made of leaves that is blown away, travelling wherever the wind may take him. By arranging leaves in different positions, the illustrations show different animals and birds. After observing an adult modelling how to select and arrange materials, the children were able to imitate their observations to create their own. These have been displayed in the main classroom. The quality of work demonstrates how modelling techniques to develop new skills is so effective in enabling children to make effective progress. Why not try it yourself at home over half term? Collect some leaves. Press them for a few days inside a magazine, and place a heavy object on top to keep them flat. Finally, be creative and arrange the leaves to represent your own leaf man!

Mathematics

This week we have been learning about the number 2, whilst also revisiting number 1. The number rhyme for 2 is

For number 2, go straight round, then make a line across the ground.

Through practical experiences, we have also been learning how to recognise an arrangement of 1 or 2 objects and saying the amount without counting them. This is called subitising. We have played this with objects and the dots on a dice.

Cooking

On Wednesday, we made apple cakes using the apples harvested from our Nursery tree.

The children were supervised to chop a slice of apple into smaller pieces, which was then added to the main mixture. They each added a spoon of mixture to a paper case and then waited for them to cook. We hope they enjoyed the taste of them when they came home!

Cooking is an excellent activity to do as a family. It has so many learning opportunities including, communication and language skills, physical development, science, maths and many more.

Half term

A reminder that school reopens on Monday 4th November.

Many thanks for your continued support. Have a lovely half term.

Mrs M Sims
Nursery Class Teacher

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."
Robert Frost