

Dear Parents,

October was a very busy month in Senior Infants. We went on a fun Autumn walk where we were on the lookout for signs of Autumn. We noticed that the leaves had begun to change colour and fall, we also noticed that it was getting much colder outside.



Below is a brief overview of the work we covered over the month of October:

Literacy/Phonics

We have continued with our 'Wishing Chair' series. The children love predicting the outcome of the stories and especially enjoy listening to the different voices of all the characters in the story.

We have been focusing hugely on

- Final consonants eg. 't' is the final consonant in bat
- Medial vowels eg. The middle vowel in cat is 'a'
- Consonant digraphs eg 'sh' and 'ch'

We have also been reinforcing CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words like 'hat'.



****Please remember to regularly high frequency words and blending with your child.**

Gaeilge

Oíche Shamha (Halloween) has been the big focus for October. The children learned a range of new vocabulary:

- Cailleach (witch)
- Púca (ghost)
- Puimcín (pumpkin)
- Cat dubh (black cat)



They also learned the song 'Bualadh Bos'. A video of the children singing and dancing is on the Woodstock ETNS Facebook page.

Numeracy

This month we worked on:

- Sorting and classifying objects
- Interpreting data in a picture and representing it in columns
- Expanding patterns in colour shape and size
- Sequencing pictures representing stages of development

As one of our morning stations, the children also learned how to play the game 'Snap' which they find very fun!



Aistear

Our theme for October was a mix between Autumn and Halloween. The children really enjoyed the various stations. Below are some of the things we got up to:





We also had huge entertainment when making our very magical witch's potion. We learned and recited the witch's chat,

*"Hubble bubble, toil and trouble,
Fire burn and cauldron bubble"*

It was very exciting!



That's all the news for now! I will send you a similar email next month to let you know what we did during the month of November.

Kind regards,
Gráinne