



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I can't believe it is already the October midterm break, the first two months have flown by. We have had a really productive and busy month with loads of fun learning.

Literacy –We have covered group 1 (**S,A,T,I,P,N**) of the Jolly Phonics programme. The children have had a great time, learning the songs, doing the actions to the sound, and making a list of all the words we know starting with each sound. This can be practiced at home too to help reinforce our learning. Shortly after the midterm break, each child will get their own sound copy to bring home with them each day that will have the actions to the songs, a few sample words and space for the children to draw their own words too.

For Halloween we turned into witches and wizards creating and writing the ingredients for our very own potions. We thought about all the things used in potions together and the children decided what ones to add to their own potions.



Numeracy- We focused on making patterns this month, we really enjoyed designing and creating our own patterns and going on pattern hunts to find patterns in our classroom and around the school.

SESE- We were learning all about Autumn and the changes we see around us during the Autumn months. We read the story Owl Babies and learned about the parts of an owl.





As halloween started to draw nearer and nearer, we turned our attention to learning all about pumpkins. We learned about the different parts of a pumpkin, we turned into scientists and investigated if pumpkins float or sink, and the history of the the festival Samhain and how pumpkins became part of the tradition of Halloween, so we made our own pumpkin faces for Halloween, and we carved jack-o-lanterns. (I think everyone enjoyed the last part the most)



Ethical Education- We spoke about the importance of Halloween safety, and we made a list of things we could do to keep us safe during Halloween. The Hindu festival of light, Diwali, is a five-day celebration that began on October 22nd this year. We learned about the festival's traditions and how people all around the world celebrate Diwali. We designed our own rangoli patterns and created our own diya lamps.



Aistear- Our themes for Aistear were Autumn and Halloween. We created our own woodland animal masks for our role play area, as some of the animals were getting ready to hibernate. In our construction area we made homes for our hibernating animals. Our Aistear room then turned into a spooky cave, where we became witches and wizards in our role play area, the children were able to dress up like witches and wizards, cast spells, and make potions in the potion lab. Our Halloween art table was very busy too, as we made our own pumpkin faces and spooky skeletons.



I hope everyone has a lovely well-deserved week off.

Stay safe, have fun, and I will see you all in November

Kind regards

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