



Welcome to Our October Woodstock ETNS Review

Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils,

I would like to wish everyone a safe, fun and happy Autumn mid-term holiday! We hope you will enjoy the Individual Class Monthly Woodstock ETNS Reviews that follows. Each class review offers a little glimpse into the array of stimulating teaching approaches and integrative learning our pupils enjoy on a typical day at school. Undoubtedly during this first term, the pupils alongside their teachers have all put in tremendous work and effort. On top of which we have been promoting both our Restorative Practice approach and Nurture Schooling ethos that helps in promoting positive behaviours and attitudes, friendships and kind play. This is essential as at the heart of our vibrant and welcoming school is the key principle that “educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

Below you will find a few key dates for your calendars.

Notes for the Diary

- School re-opens Monday November 6th @ 8:45 am (8:35am early drop off)
- PE Days Monday (GAA) & Wednesday (PE) please wear runners and suitable clothing.
- Board of Management Vote Monday 6th November @ 7:00 at the school
- *Mandatory DES School closure: **Monday December 11th**: Maths Curriculum.

Remember, in addition, to our ‘Monthly Reviews’ <https://woodstocketns.ie/> we also load ‘weekly’ communications sharing our learning, outdoor fun & class activities:



<https://www.facebook.com/WoodstockETNS/>.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Autumn Break

Kind regards,

Dr Nicola Mar

(Principal Woodstock ETNS)



Gráinne's Junior Infant Class Review

October was a very busy month in Junior 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 storytime every afternoon. This is a favourite for many of the students who love discussing the characters and predicting what will happen next. We chose books in line with our Aistear themes for October, 'Autumn' and 'Halloween'. 'Funny Bones' was a particular favourite.

We have also continued work on phonological awareness doing activities such as emphasising stressed syllables through clapping or other physical movement and syllable segmentation with kinaesthetic reinforcement eg. the child touches a body part to represent each syllable.



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)



Numeracy

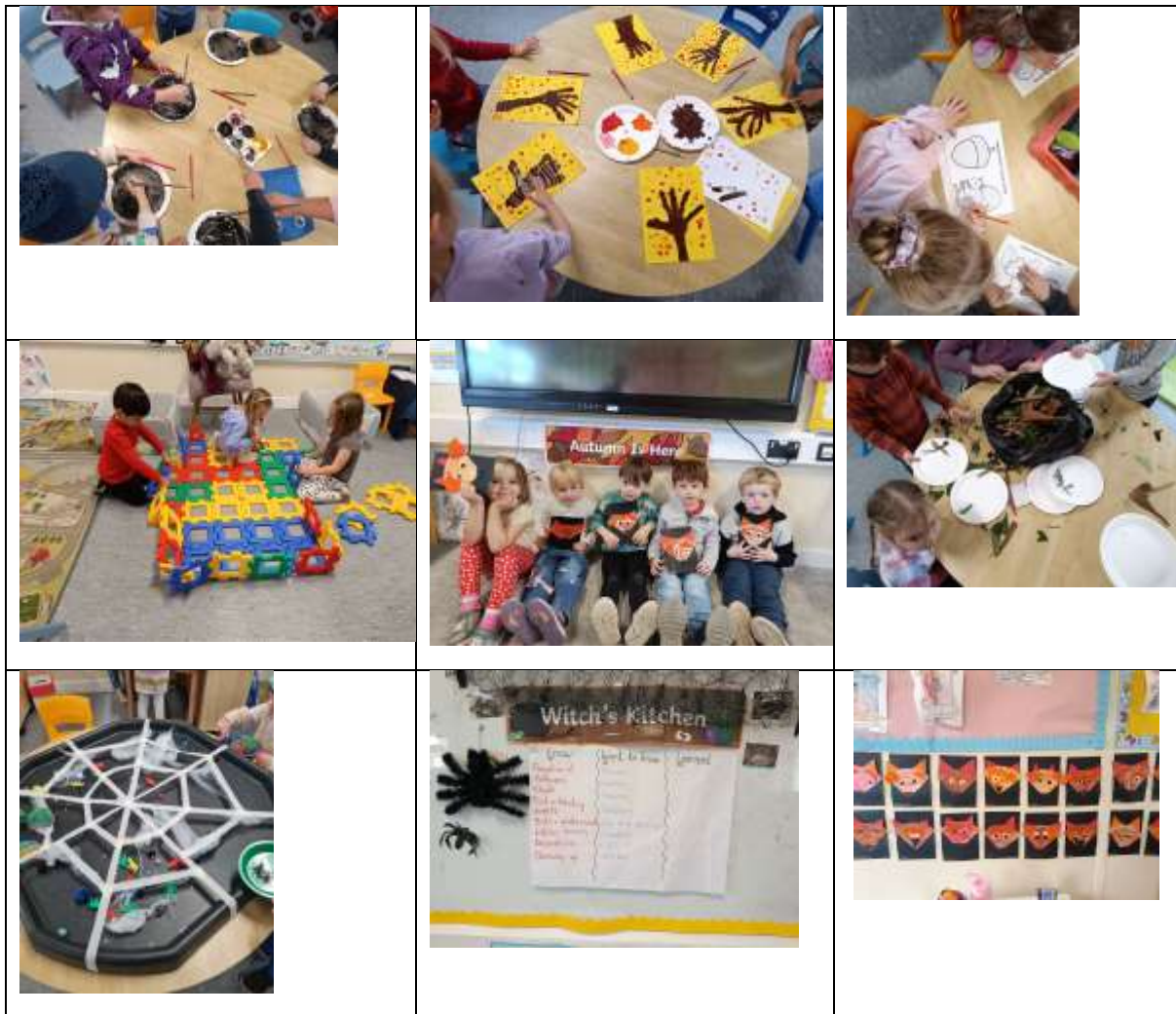
This month we worked on:

- Comparing objects according to length, width, height, weight, quantity, thickness or size.
- Ordering sets according to length or height.
- Ordering sets without counting.



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:



In November:

- Our Aistear themes will be Houses & Myself.
- We will also be learning about the Hindu festival Diwali.
- Homework will begin.

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

Kind regards,
Gráinne