



Friday 26th October 2018

Dear Parents,

Our learning this week



The children have had a fabulous week of learning and we are so proud of how they have grown in confidence! On Monday, we challenged the children to build a conker chute then investigate the patterns and marks on the chute by dipping the conkers in paint then rolling them down the tubes. They experimented varying the height and length of the chute and talked about the distance that the conkers travelled.

Physical development

On Tuesday, Mr Smith from ACE Sports took the children for a fun PE session and on Thursday, we finished our dance based on the



Animal Boogie Song! The children are really beginning to express themselves and perform amazing animal movements and gestures. During the week, the children have loved performing on our new stage in the outdoor area of provision. They have used ribbons and musical instruments to create their own dances and practised their animal actions. We are looking forward to developing this area over the coming weeks using the children's ideas, drawings and suggestions. The children have also enjoyed making models in the creative area and collaging pumpkins and haunted houses.

Mathematical development

In Maths, we are learning to measure objects using non-standard measures so that we can find the tallest and shortest object. The children have used pine cones, wooden reels, construction

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blocks and conkers to measure objects and talk their length and height. We have also been measuring the distance that the conkers travel down the chute and using chalk to mark off where they land. Some of our children have also been recording their measurements in pictorial and abstract form. The children thought that the round conkers travelled the furthest but the flat funny shaped conkers travelled less far! We have had lots of fun investigating which chutes are the best for distance and talking about the patterns that the conkers make down the chute when dipped in paint.

After half term

After the half term holiday, we will begin our learning with a new starting point – ‘Into the Woods’. We will be reading a range of traditional tales and talk about the different characters in the story, as well as developing our provision to harness our children’s imaginations and creative play.



Donations

We would be grateful for any donations of small boxes, yoghurt pots, plastic lids or kitchen roll tubes to replenish our stocks in the creative area.

Thank you for your amazing support this half term. I am sure you will all agree that your child has settled in brilliantly to our routines. It has been great getting to know you all as we look forward to another exciting half term.

We hope you have a fantastic half term holiday! We know that your child is ready for a lovely rest!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Mrs Ward, Mrs Smith and Mrs Rex

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