Falling Leaves and Cosy tales

Project Overview

Following their discovery of a range of autumnal objects, the children will immerse themselves in a collection of seasonal books focused on Autumn and Winter. Through these experiences, they will develop their understanding of seasonal changes and explore different foods. Working collaboratively, they will make a vegetable soup, learning about healthy ingredients and the importance of teamwork. The children will investigate autumn and winter objects and observe seasonal changes in the outdoor environment through sketching and discussion, using key geographical vocabulary to describe their observations. They will then use the natural materials they collect to create collaborative sculptures inspired by the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy.







Design and Technology

The children will learn about where certain foods come from. They will also have a go at making their own vegetable soup.

Science

Children will learn about the seasons and observe seasonal features. They will describe the seasonal changes from autumn to winter.

English

The children will begin the project by reading the stories Pumpkin Soup and Pipkin of Pepper. They will immerse themselves in the story through drama, role-play and book talk, developing their understanding of characters, settings and key events. We will explore different scenes from the story, focusing on sentence structure and how we can use words to describe what is happening. Each week, we will also enjoy a season-themed story focusing on the seasons Autumn and Winter, using these books to inspire discussion and develop our writing skills. The children will practise writing simple sentences and apply their growing knowledge to write for a variety of different purposes, building confidence in expressing their ideas through writing.

Mathematics

We will be exploring and learning the following mathematical concepts:

- Multiplication and Division (Count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s.)
- Fractions and Geometry (Recognise, find and name a half as two equal parts of an object, shape, or quantity) Recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes, including: 2D shapes (e.g. rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles).
- Addition and subtraction (Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs. Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. Solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations and missing number problems such as 7 = ? – 9.

Music

The children will be exploring timbre, texture and music that represents autumn. They will investigate what different instruments they can use to create an autumnal soundscape.

Art

Children will sketch an observational drawing of pumpkins. They will look at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and as a team, they will design and make a sculpture from outdoor materials.

Home Learning and Outcome

Make a simple bird feeder or design a winter food station to help wildlife when the weather gets colder. Remember to research safe foods for wildlife with an adult. Upload photos onto Classdojo by **Monday 13th December**. Families are invited to see their child perform a seasonal dance on **Wednesday 9th December at 2:30pm**.