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We have been busy exploring the signs of Autumn; leaves, fir cones and logs in the tuff tray. A group of children used the cones and sticks to create; "I've made a bonfire" they exclaimed, play then extended on to going camping. The children sorted through different leaves and talked about the different sizes. They used hole punches to create holes and threaded the leaves onto string.

During free-play the children pretended it was someone's birthday and set up a birthday party in the home corner. They created birthday cards and wrapped up presents. They also enjoyed listening to different music and moving to the beat.

Our fine motor movements have been put to good use whilst playing with the rice and pasta in the exploration tray, we added scales, grabbers, magnifying glasses and tweezers. We've also been busy mixing oats and rice together in the builder's tray adding bowls, spoons and different containers; cooking porridge cakes. Play was extended by introducing weighing scales and pincers. There was lots of turn taking and talk about quantities

The children took part in a fun experiment where they could learn about nasty bugs and how to prevent them from spreading. Teacher created a "sneezing runway" using three tables, we filled a spray bottle with water and covered it with a Shrek mask. After talking about our sneezes and germs we guessed how far they might travel by placing named labels onto the tables. The children listened as we explained and demonstrated how to push the lever to create the sneeze. They laughed as the spray came from Shrek's mouth watching the droplets fall onto the table and were eager to take their turn. The children were asked how we could do to catch our sneeze and the importance of washing our hands using both soap and water to remove nasty bugs.

Our story-time has been about the Gingerbread Man.

Harvest Festival

We have been we celebrating Harvest Festival this week and would like to thank you for your food donations. If you would still like to make a donation the last day for collection is 13/11/19.

Photographer

The photographer will be at playgroup on Friday 8th November 2019. If you wish you child to have their picture taken with any siblings please be at playgroup for 8.30am. If your child does not normally attend please make an appointment on the board displayed at playgroup.

Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 12th November 2019 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at the playgroup. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24th October 2019
Monday 4th November 2019
Friday 8th November 2019
Friday 6th December 2019
Friday 20th December 2019

Last day of Term 1
First day of Term 2
Photographer
Nativity Performance
Last day of Term 2