



This Week

## Our Learning

08.11.24

We have been enjoying playing with our witches' cauldron this week. We've been making spells, potions and have been dressing up too. To accompany this, the children at Group Time have been acting out the story of Meg and Mog, pretending to be all the different characters from the story. We also explored pumpkins this week, comparing them by weight and size. The children were given the opportunity to estimate which would be the heaviest and which would be the lightest. We also grouped them by size – from biggest to smallest.

The children watched and listened to Handel's Firework music and discussed what fireworks they could see. They then danced using coloured fabric scarves to music, imitating how the fireworks looked and sounded. We also used natural materials outside such as leaves, conkers and pine cones to create wonderful art work. This was such a great learning opportunity to discuss patterns and natural shapes.



Next Week

We will be learning about Diwali and the children will have the opportunity to make their own Diwa lamps using clay. The children will learn how to manipulate the clay to make a pot and will be able to add sequins and paint it.

We will be continuing our exploration of fireworks, by creating a variety of marks on a large roll of paper. The children will use a large crayon or chalk to represent fireworks making marks such as swirls, zig zags, circles, dashes and dots. They will be encouraged to make a range of large and small movements to represent the different types of music being played.

In their sketchbooks, the children will be encouraged to draw a variety of pumpkins. First, they will observe the pumpkins, exploring their appearance and how they feel. Then they will be using oil pastels to draw the collection of pumpkins in front of them, noticing their colour, size and texture.

At home

At Nursery, we have been discussing celebrations such as Diwali, Halloween and Bonfire night. Discuss with your child what and how you celebrate at home. Think about birthdays and special occasions. Perhaps your children have noticed pumpkins or heard fireworks outside. Explain that families and people celebrate lots of different things. You may like to research and discover the different types of celebrations with your child.

