



Our Learning



This Week

Monday 12th October – Friday 16th October

How wonderful it has been to be able to continue enjoying the garden through this unexpectedly mild, sunny weather. We have been busy making obstacle courses and learning the importance of working together. The children have become excellent at sharing their thoughts and collaborating with their friends. They have impressed us with their ideas, and it was wonderful to see them using their ability to travel safely across the course.

This week we have been spending time encouraging the children to develop their very important listening, communication and language skills. We had great fun going on a listening walk in the garden and loved using our giant, pink plastic ears to see what noises there were around. We heard the birds singing, the wind rustling the leaves, aeroplanes flying overhead and the sound of distant traffic. We then read the story 'Peace at last' and pointed out the sounds that were heard during the night.

We have begun to explore the important mathematical concept of pattern. We used natural resources such as conkers, sticks and leaves to create simple patterns of our own. The children enjoyed learning a song to accompany this activity and it was lovely to hear them singing as they were engaged in their learning.



Next Week

Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October

Next week we will continue to use the natural to develop our learning as we will be going on an autumn walk in the garden.

We will reinforce and build on the children's understanding of the 'Zones of Regulation,' by looking at how we feel when we are in the 'yellow zone.'

At Home

- Whilst going on a walk or sitting quietly at home, encourage your child to listen to the different sounds they hear around them such as an aeroplane, a car, a door shutting, a phone etc.
- Can you help your child to make a simple repeating pattern such as 'stick, leaf, stick, leaf, stick, leaf...' and then talk about what you have done e.g. 'it is a stick, leaf pattern'?
- Our key words for next week are: **position, rhyme, worried, autumn and tools.'**