COOKHAM NURSERY SCHOOL
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THIS WEEK



We are celebrating the change in the season as we explore our Nursery garden and share books and pictures that explain about Autumn. It is a time of preparation for the winter months but also a time to enjoy the colours and treasures of the natural world!

Following last week's fun game of hearing and recognising familiar sounds, we will be creating our own sounds with wooden claves, playing them quickly and slowly, quietly and loudly, rubbing them and tapping them together and following the beat of Nursery rhymes.



We will use conkers to practise our subitising skills with our friends, seeing 1,2 or 3 conkers without counting.

Biba visits again, this time bringing some of her favourite books that highlight the diversity of our communities.

Each week we have learnt about one of the Zones of Regulation, this week our focus is on the Red Zone when we might feel 'over-excited' or cross. The children will share ideas about self-regulating so that they are ready to learn and play.





NEXT WEEK



We will be using our mathematical skills of noticing, sorting and classifying with our Autumn collection of natural resources from the garden. The children will think about what the various seeds and leaves are called, their size and shape and decide how to group them.

Biba will show us some pictures of her friends at her Nursery and bring some books which highlight and challenge gender stereotypes like boys choosing long hair or girls playing with dinosaurs. 'Pink is for Boys' is a great book to explain this idea.

The children have loved creating their own stories with 'small world' characters and settings over the last few weeks. Next week we will retell the traditional story of the 'Gingerbread Man' together, with paper characters, and all joining in with the 'Run, run as fast as you can….. refrain.



Now that we are close to the end of our first half term of the year, the children are showing us that they understand our 3 rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' and even impressing us to earn an 'Over and Above' wow moment! They are also using 'Stop, I don't like that' when they have disagreements with their friends. Next week we will use puppets to demonstrate how to make the most of precious playing time at Nursery by saying 'you can have a go when I'm finished' if a friend wants to use the binoculars for example but you're still using them. The friend can find something else to do and you continue your learning without disruption.

AT HOME

Encouraging children to make their own marks enhances their play, adds to their physical development and gives confidence in learning new skills. Provide them with tools to explore mark-making on recycled wall paper, old notebooks, backs of packets, stones with water, chalks, pens, brushes, sticks, feathers etc. Any marks are to be celebrated!

