# What adventures have we been on this week?

## Week beginning 19/10/26

**Book of the week**— Christopher Pumpkin.

**Rhyme of the week**— Autumn Leaves are Falling Down.

## Maths

This week, we have been looking at how a whole can be made up of different parts. We investigated familiar objects, toys and even our own bodies, talking about the different parts that make up a whole. Through practical activities, we began to understand that a whole is bigger than its parts. We used lots of mathematical language, including whole and part, to help develop our understanding of early number composition.

### Reminders

Please label all clothing and belongings. If having a school dinner, please order via theTeachers2parents app. Children return to school Tuesday 3rd November.

## Our Adventures

This week, we have enjoyed lots of exciting learning activities linked to our Halloween celebrations and our *People Who Help Us topic*. We enjoyed painting pumpkins and using hammers in a variety of activities to develop our fine motor skills, hand strength and co-ordination. With pumpkins, we also investigated their size, texture and what was inside. We linked this back to our maths, looking at how parts make up a whole. We enjoyed dressing up for Halloween and taking part in fun seasonal activities. Outdoors, we used natural resources such as leaves, sticks and stones to create different shapes and patterns, developing both our creativity and understanding of shape. As part of our learning about people who help us, we found out about call handlers and the important job they do. We talked about emergencies and learned that we can call 999 if we need urgent help from the emergency services. We have had a very busy Autumn 1 half term, we are very proud of how all the children have settled into school routines and are excited to see what next half term brings. We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday!



## Literacy

In Literacy, we have enjoyed Drawing Club inspired by Christopher Pumpkin. We listened to the story and talked about the characters, setting and events. We used our imaginations to draw and create our own ideas linked to the story, developing storytelling, communication and mark-making skills. In Phonics, we have been revisiting and consolidating previously taught sounds. We also enjoyed taking part in party planning activities, sharing ideas, writing invitations, making lists and discussing what they would need for a successful celebration.