



Dear Families,

This week we have been sharing the story *The Leaf Thief* by Alice Hemming, which has been a lovely way to introduce the children to the season of autumn. We have been talking about the changes we might notice at this time of year and looking at pictures of autumn weather, woodland animals, trees and the natural world around us.

We have introduced a special autumn interest table in our classroom, filled with lots of interesting things to explore, including colourful leaves, conkers, acorns, woodland animals, gourds and pumpkins. The children have enjoyed looking closely at the different objects, talking about what they can see and feel, and asking lots of questions. We also went on an autumn walk around our wider school grounds, looking for signs that the seasons are changing. Over the coming weeks, we will be adding some of our autumn finds to our interest table to encourage even more curiosity, exploration and discussion.

We have been busy counting conkers and matching quantities to the correct numerals, helping us to develop our counting and number recognition skills. We have also enjoyed completing autumn-themed jigsaw puzzles, practising our problem-solving skills and perseverance.

We have been getting creative too, using leaves to make some lovely autumn prints. The children enjoyed exploring the different shapes and patterns of the leaves and seeing the marks they could make with paint. It has been a lovely start to our autumn learning.

Happy weekend! The Pre-School Team 😊

Things to Remember:

- Please remember to pre-order your child's school dinner.
- Please label your child's lunch box/bag.

We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to practise putting on and taking off their own coat and shoes at home. We do this many times throughout our preschool day, and a little practice at home makes a big difference in helping the children become more confident and independent.

Thank you for your support!



Star Award



Khalid

