

Foundation

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about autumn. We have been on an autumn walk, collected all sorts of autumn things and then we used the leaves collected to do some art with! We have also enjoyed Conker rolling with paint and read lots of stories about autumn.

In Maths this week, we have been thinking about spatial awareness. The children went on a treasure hunt using positional language, gave each other instructions as they crossed an assault course and drew maps. For Maths homework this week, we would like you to collect some autumn leaves with your child. You could then ask them to:

- Count how many leaves they have collected.
- Think what is the same and what is different between the leaves, using both informal vocabulary such as 'pointy' and progressing to mathematical terms like straight, round, bigger.
- Sort the leaves into groups by properties like curved or straight or by colour.
- Look at their symmetrical properties and ask your child "Is it symmetrical?" and then "How do you know it is /is not symmetrical?"

We have begun to learn the songs for our Christmas performance! Some children will require a costume to be kindly provided from home, so a letter detailing what is needed has been sent home with those children in their book bags. If you have not received a letter requesting a costume, please assume that one will be provided by school. Our Christmas performance is scheduled for Wednesday 1st December at 09:15. Please note that, in line with latest local council guidance, non-essential school events that would ordinarily be held indoors will be conducted virtually. For our upcoming performances, Teams invitations will be sent, to allow parents to watch live. Recordings will also be made available on My School Portal.

Next week, we are thinking about our pets as well as talking about steps we can do to look after our planet following on from COP-26. Our words of the week are 'climate change'. We would like to make some junk models with the children. In order to help with this, please send in clean boxes, cardboard rolls, egg boxes or bottles for the children to make their models from. Please note that we are a nut free school, so we ask that containers must not have had products with nuts in – thank you! We would also love the children to talk about pets they have at home and so please could you email or send in a photo(s) of pets you own!

Best Wishes
The Foundation Team