

VICTORIA NURSERY UNIT



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October News



Here are a few things we plan to do as we explore the topic of Autumn/Harvest. We will be thinking about the days becoming shorter, the changes in the weather, the clothes we wear, the changes that happen to plants and trees. The children will have an opportunity to look closely at pine cones, acorns, chestnuts and autumn leaves. We will be using language associated with autumn e.g. gold, yellow, red, orange, brown, crunchy, crispy, cold, cooler, darker, hedgehog, branch, hibernate etc. They will be taking part in autumn art and craft activities, learning rhymes and songs and listening to stories around the autumn theme. Streamvale farm will be in nursery on Thursday 13th with their autumn roadshow. The children will be finding out about what happens on a farm at autumn time.

It would be great when you are out and about over the weekend if you would collect some autumn leaves, pine cones, conkers, acorns etc with your child and bring them in on Monday 3rd October for us to talk about and to display on the discovery table.



Colours and shapes

Every month we will be focusing on 4 colours and a shape. For October the colours are red, orange, brown and yellow and the shape is a circle. We would like your child to bring in one object from home which is one of the above colours on **Tuesday 4th October** and an object that is the shape of a circle on **Wednesday 5th October** for a wall display. The objects will be returned via your child's picture pocket at the end of each month. Please

put your child's name on the object so that they can be easily returned. Talk to your child about this task and encourage them to select the object they are going to bring in each month. As the objects will be on display for a month they should be things your child would be happy to leave in nursery for that time. When the objects are brought to nursery they should be placed in the blue container in the waiting area.

Illness

If your child is sick, keep him/her at home until fully recovered as infection spreads quickly among young children. In the case of vomiting and/or diarrhea your child should not return until 48 hours after the last incident.

Show and Tell

On Friday 2nd October we are going to begin having show and tell. This is an opportunity for your child to bring one small toy or object from home to share with the class. Please do not worry if your child does not want to bring anything at this early stage however we would encourage show and tell as it is good for language development and building confidence. The children will put their object or toy in a special chest in the waiting area before they enter nursery.



Nursery Fund (£3 per week)

Nursery fund for October is £12 and should be paid on Monday 3rd October.



Teddy Bears Picnic

On Friday 28th October it will be a non uniform day for the children. Non uniform days are a way for the school to raise funds for the PTA so we would ask you to send in a donation of £1 with your child. The children can also bring their favourite teddy or soft toy to nursery for a special picnic. As it is a Friday the children will be outside and wearing their outdoor suits so please make sure they are wearing appropriate clothing for outside and for going to the toilet independently. No laces or belts please.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Mrs Addis is planning to have an informal chat with all parents about how their child has settled in nursery. These interviews will take place from Monday 24th to Thursday 27th October. There will be a sheet available on the Parents' notice board outlining the days and times. There will be a ten minute slot for each appointment. Please choose a time that would suit you and **write your child's name in the appropriate box. If you have an older child in the main school you may want to wait until you have received an interview time from their teacher.** I appreciate that many of you are working and do not drop off or collect your child from nursery. If this is the case, please if possible, get your child minder to write your child's name in a time that would suit. If the times do not suit, an alternative time can be arranged by contacting Mrs Addis between 11.45 and 12.15 or after 3 on the number at the top of the news sheet.

Interview time periods

9.10 to 10.00, 11.35 to 11.45, 1.05 to 1.45, 3.05 to 4.15

Staff Training Days

Nursery will be closed for all children on Friday 7th and 21st October.

Afternoon children

Please note that the nursery finishing time for the afternoon children on the 28th October will be quarter to 2.

Half Term

Nursery will be closed from Monday 31st October to 4th November and will re open again on Monday 7th November at the usual times.

Toilet routine

Please make sure your child goes to the toilet before coming to nursery.

Helping children become independent

Some of the children can get their coats on and off independently. To help the children become more independent in the nursery we encourage the children to put their hood on their head first and then hold the left or right front section of their coat and put their arm in the sleeve. Generally with a little support children can master this very quickly. We would encourage you to use this technique at home too.

Website

Please have a look on the school website www.victoriaprimary.org.uk

There are photographs of the children inside and out as well as paintings from our gallery. You will also find the news sheet there too.

Gallery

Once a fortnight 4 children from the morning and 4 children in the afternoon will have their paintings displayed in our gallery in room 5 and also on our website. You will receive a note when your child's painting is in the gallery inviting you to have a look at it in room 5 or if that is not convenient to view it on the website.



Afternoon - Charlie B

October Rhymes and Songs

Hickory Dickory Dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one
The mouse ran down
Hickory Dickory Dock
Tick tock

Verse 2

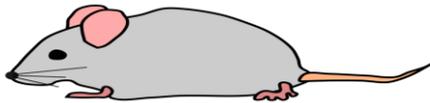
The clock struck two
The mouse said "Boo!"

Verse 3

The clock struck 3
The mouse said "Whee!"

Verse 4

The clock struck 4
The mouse said "No more!"



The leaves on the trees turn orange and red,
Orange and red, orange and red,
The leaves on the trees turn orange and red
All day long.

The leaves on the trees come tumbling down
Tumbling down, tumbling down
The leaves on the tree are tumbling down
All day long.

The leaves on the ground make a crunching sound
Crunching sound, crunching sound
The leaves on the ground make a crunching sound
All day long.

(tune - The Wheels on the bus)

I'm a little conker
Shining and brown
And I've just come tumbling down.
Here I lie upon the ground
Waiting, waiting to be found.



One little hedgehog
Hiding in the leaves
Snuffle, snuffle, sniff, sniff
Tickle, wriggle, sneeze.



Five Golden Autumn Leaves

Five golden, autumn leaves,
High up in a tree.
The wind blows,
The leaves shake,
And one falls down to me.
Falling, falling,
Falling down,
Falling, falling,
Falling to the ground.

Repeat for 4 leaves, 3 leaves, 2 leaves and 1 leaf



Autumn

The leaves are falling down,
The leaves are falling down,
Red, yellow, green and brown
The leaves are falling down.

Autumn

Autumn winds begin to blow. (blow)
Coloured leaves fall fast and slow (use fingers to show falling leaves)
Twirling, whirling, all around, (turn self round)
Till at last, they touch the ground. (fall to ground)



Wind your bobbin up

Wind your bobbin up x2
Pull, pull, clap, clap.
Point to the ceiling, point to the floor
Point to the window point to the door
Clap your hands together, 1, 2, 3
Put your hands upon your knees

Wind it back again x2 etc

I'm a little Hedgehog

I'm a little hedgehog,
Brown and small.
Very prickly,
Not that tall.
When I'm feeling frightened,
Away I crawl,
And curl up into a ball!

Raking Leaves

I like to rake the leaves (make raking motion)
Into a great big hump. (pretend to pile leaves)
Then I move back a bit, (take a step or two back)
Bend my knees and jump (Bend knees, then jump)



Five Little Squirrels

This little squirrel jumps from tree to tree
(show index finger)
This little squirrel hides from you and me
(show middle finger)
This little squirrel sits and looks around
(show ring finger)
This little squirrel finds nuts on the ground
(show baby finger)
This little squirrel scampers up and down
(show thumb)
Burying all the nuts he's found.
(use both hands and dig a hole)



Autumn time is coming (Tune Frere Jaques)

Red leaves falling x2
On the ground x2
Autumn time is coming x2
All around x2

Repeat for orange, brown, yellow

Harvest Time Song

(Tune: Here we go round the mulberry bush)

What do we do at harvest time,
Harvest time, harvest time
What do we do at harvest time
Harvest time in the autumn?

We pick the apples at harvest time,
Harvest time, harvest time
We pick the apples at harvest time,
Harvest time in the autumn.

We dig the carrots at harvest time,
Harvest time, harvest time
We dig the carrots at harvest time,
Harvest time in the autumn.

We gather the grain at harvest time,
Harvest time, harvest time
We gather the grain at harvest time,
Harvest time in the autumn.



Busy for the Harvest

(Tune: The Wheels on the bus)

The wheels on the tractor go round and
round,
Round and round, round and round,
The wheels on the tractor go round and
round,
Busy for the harvest.

The spades on the farm go dig, dig, dig,
Dig, dig, dig, dig, dig, dig,
The spades on the farm go dig, dig, dig,
Busy for the harvest

The people on the farm go pick, pick, pick
Pick, pick, pick, pick, pick, pick
The people on the farm go pick, pick, pick
Busy for the harvest



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