



# Autumn 2

We shall start the new half term with the story '5 little pumpkins' to extend the children's interest of Halloween and Bonfire night. We will introduce a range of fun activities around this theme from mark making, singing and dancing, to exploring different vegetables. This will be followed by the story 'We're Going on a leaf hunt' alongside a trip to the local park to collect interesting natural objects and encourage the children to notice things in the environment.

At the end of the half term we shall then be getting ready for Christmas!!

Leaves and other natural objects we find will be added to the painting and cut and stick areas. This is to help encourage children to mix different medias and develop their skills in using mark making tools as well as talking about colours, different textures and patterns.

The 'We're going on a leaf hunt' story will be introduced to support our Autumn theme of exploring the environment and collecting objects. We shall encourage children to join in with the repetitive, fun text to continue developing their love of stories and attention skills.



**Exploring unusual vegetables!!**

**We will cut them up and see what's inside!!**



We will be looking at how the different vegetables can be used to create soup, encouraging the children to develop their fine motor skills as they chop the vegetables and encouraging them to try new foods.

Exploring a range of natural materials will also help develop maths skills in sorting objects, filling and emptying containers and talking about different sizes and shapes. We will also support the children in developing their counting skills.



In preparation for Christmas celebrations we will introduce the story Maisy's Christmas Eve. We will be talking about our own experiences at home which in turn will support children in their role play with peers. We will be getting creative making our own decorations, and learning new rhymes.

Look out for our rhyme leaflet so you can practice at home with your child!

Parents/carers are invited to join us for our Christmas performance on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.30am.

