



What have we been doing this month?

October 2015

Another busy month at preschool. We have been learning all about the following festivals:

Sukkot: a major Jewish festival held in the autumn to commemorate the sheltering of the Israelites in the wilderness. It is marked by the erection of small booths covered in natural materials. The children loved going for walks to find natural items and creating some fabulous works of art including our very own Sukkah. We ready Sammy spiders first Sukkot at group time.

Halloween: the night of 31 October, the eve of All Saints' Day, often celebrated by children dressing up in masks and costumes. Halloween is thought to be associated with the Celtic festival Samhain, when ghosts and spirits were believed to be abroad. The children loved playing with some small pumpkins on the playdough table, making their own pumpkin plates and spooky spiders too.

We are encouraging the children to practice writing their names and use their name cards to help them do so. We have been really pleased with the children's efforts and are seeing some fantastic progress.

Miss Alison is continuing her literacy sessions at the library and the children are really enjoying them. Please have a look in your child's bags for more information about what they have been doing and books they have enjoyed so you can book them out to read at home.

Miss Estelle has been taking some of the children to circuits, this supports their listening skills, helps them to follow instructions and also develop independence when they have to take off and put on their own socks and shoes as well as being lots of fun!

The children have made the most of the autumn sun and spent time outside on the scuttle bugs, making their own obstacle courses and playing in our lovely new mud kitchen. With the weather getting cooler they are learning to put their own coats on with some even able to do zips and buttons.

We have been working hard on kind hands and kind words and saying pardon and not huh if we don't hear what someone has said. We talk about the rules and boundaries at registration time and then revisit them over the course of the session.