

# Fountain Nursery Unit

Newsletter - October 2022

Nursery Teacher: Mrs Graydon

Nursery Assistant: Mrs Craig



## Through our play we are learning to:

- Pedal and steer a tricycle
- Control a 3-wheeled scooter
- Lace and thread
- Sort objects
- Make a picture using the Interactive Whiteboard



## Vocabulary used throughout our play:

- Autumn words - leaves, fir cones, conkers, etc.
- Names of food for break and dinner

Continuation of:

- Names of toys being played with
- Names of areas within the room
- Rules and routines



## THEME: AUTUMN



Children will be:

- Rewarded for following rules and routines
- More willing to share resources and space with others
- Encouraged to respond positively with adults and peers
- Encouraged to be independent in all areas
- Encouraged to listen attentively to stories
- Learning about seasonal changes in Autumn

## Monthly Language Message

**Take your place face to face  
I learn most when you are close**

### Evidence

Vanessa LoBue, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Rutgers University Newark (2016) *Face time: here's how infants learn from facial expressions*

Decades of research from many different labs suggest that faces are quite special for infants right from birth. Researchers still aren't sure how infants learn about faces so quickly. Some argue that infants have a biological predisposition to prefer faces right from birth. Others suggest that the massive amount of experience newborns get with faces right away is enough to promote rapid learning.

## THINGS TO DO AT HOME

- Encourage your child to talk about friends at school and activities he/she has been involved in
- Encourage your child to sort and tidy their toys when they have finished playing
- Encourage your child to put on/take off his/her own coat
- Encourage your child to be independent in all areas i.e. toileting, hand washing, pouring, etc.
- Go on an Autumn walk to collect objects and bring them into school.



## STORIES

We will be reading lots of stories with an Autumn theme. Please encourage your child to become familiar with favourite stories and to re-tell them using the pictures.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October -

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Non-Uniform (Halloween Fancy Dress optional) - £1.00 per child & PTFA Raffle (See school newsletter for more info)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November -  
Half Term

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **REMINDER:** The school car park should not be used when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please PARK & STRIDE.
- Please send in any unwanted buttons, large paintbrushes, pots, pans and kitchen utensils which we can use in our creative areas and outdoors.
- **REMINDER:** Please ensure your child's jumper is named
- **NOTE:** If your child is wearing Fancy Dress please ensure they can use the toilet independently. Thank you.

# Songs and Rhymes October 2022

## The Leaves Are Falling Down

(to the tune of 'The Farmer Wants a Wife')

The leaves are on the trees,  
The leaves are on the trees,  
Red, yellow, orange and brown  
The leaves are on the trees.

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

The leaves are on the ground,  
The leaves are on the ground,  
Red, yellow, orange and brown  
The leaves are on the ground.

The leaves are in the air,  
The leaves are in the air,  
Red, yellow, orange and brown  
The leaves are in the air.



## Five little leaves

Five little leaves so bright and gay,  
Were dancing about on the tree one day.  
The wind came whistling through the town,  
Who! Who!  
And one little leaf came tumbling down.

Four little leaves... etc until no leaves are left

## I Have a Little Spider



I have a little spider, I'm very fond of him.  
He crawls up to my shoulder and right round to my chin.

He crawls up to my nose and jumps up to my head.  
And when he's very tired, he runs back into bed.  
Night Night.

## Five Little Apples

Five little apples on an apple tree.  
Five little apples smiled down at me.  
I shook that tree as hard as I could,  
Down came an apple MMM-MMM good!

Continue counting down.

Zero little apples smiled down at me  
Uh oh! Tummy ache.



## Let's Gather Up

Let's gather up in a great big ring,  
If you don't come now you won't get in.



## Autumn

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

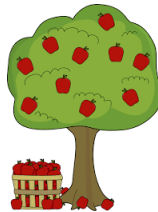
## Scarecrow, Scarecrow

Scarecrow, scarecrow, turn around,  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the ground.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, reach up high,  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the sky.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, bend down low,  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch your toes.



## Here is the tree

Here is the tree with leaves so green,  
Here are the apples that hang between,  
When the wind blows, the apples will fall.  
Here is the basket to carry them all.



## Open, Shut them

Open, shut them  
(*hold hands out and open/shut them*)  
Open, shut them (*same action*)  
Give a little clap (*clap hands*)  
Open, shut them, Open, shut them,  
Pat them on your lap (*fold hands in lap*)

...it's also lots of fun to change the last line after you have recited it once. Ask your child to put his/her hands on head, knees, nose etc.

Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them,  
Right up to your chin.  
But do not pop them in!

