

Nursery News

We're going on a bear hunt and Autumn

Week commencing 19/10/2026



This week, we have been identifying the signs of autumn. We explored the colours of the leaves we brought in from our family walks and matched them to objects of the same colour. These included red, brown, yellow and orange. We also explored the other items we had brought in, including pinecones and acorns, and looked at the different shapes of the leaves.

Together, we learnt an autumn song sung to the tune of *'London Bridge'*.

The children have also enjoyed listening to the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. They listened carefully and used props to sequence the events of the story. The children also enjoyed joining in with the repeated phrases.









Our indoor activities have included:

- Using sponges to print paint onto bear masks.
- Exploring woodland animal masks in the role-play area.
- Developing their mark-making skills by making marks on leaves, including lines, circles and other patterns.
- Exploring autumn objects at the maths table, noticing their different colours and counting leaves and conkers.
- Raking leaves in the sand.
- Scooping up leaves using large spoons in the water.
- Using their hands to squash, bend, twist and stretch the playdough to create snails.














Our outdoor activities have included:

- Using large nets to collect leaves from the water tray.
- Developing our mark-making skills using chalk on the blackboards.
- Exploring colour matching in the maths tray.
- Using buckets and spades in the sandpit.
- Practising our climbing skills on the climbing wall.
- Exploring the nursery rhyme puppets and singing nursery rhymes together.











Some activities you could share at home include:

- Sharing a bedtime story together.
- Practising counting from 1 to 5 and then backwards again.
- Going on an autumn walk and talking about the changes you can see.
- Practising putting on their own coat to develop independence.
- Play a turn taking game
- Complete a simple jigsaw puzzle.

We hope you have a lovely half-term and look forward to seeing you all again after the break. When we return, we will be exploring the story *Room on the Broom* and learning about fireworks.