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Learning Newsletter

The children are enjoying learning about the changes in the weather, with storms and trees falling down being very topical in extended conversations. The groups are working hard on learning their songs for our Nativity "The Big Little Nativity". Through this they are learning to perform for each other and are developing good life skills through encouraging and praising each other.

Current learning includes our interest in making Christmas decorations, the children are displaying confidence in making choices and decisions as they decide on colours and patterns for their work. Staff are continually learning through PKC buying onto Adventures with Alice, this encompasses a holistic approach to learning for children of all stages of development and inspires the staff to engage the children in their learning through exciting learning experiences.

Theorists tell us that first hand experiences help our brains to understand and remember our learning. We are continually exploring a range of learning styles to enhance our skills and knowledge.

We have continued to observe the children as they play and explore the learning experiences that are on offer and we are adding to their learning journals. To ensure that you are involved and kept up to date with some of the children's learning experiences we will continue to send you a monthly update of their journal and this month will have an update of their individual learning targets and ways in which you can scaffold learning at home.

This will be emailed to you very soon.

We are enjoying using our under-cover area to have fun with a range of natural and sustainable resources including cones and sticks, if you are out walking can we ask you to bring back any cones that you find to replenish our natural resources.

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Cultural Celebrations

The children are learning about children from around the world and making connections through stories, songs and rhymes including the story of Diwali the Festival of light. Children are eager to learn about how children from around the world celebrate and are using food to enhance their knowledge and understanding of others.

The children have learned to make Pumpkin soup and are enjoying learning about the different ingredients that can be added to "tummy warmers" (soup) for the winter. We have toasted Pumpkin seeds, "very tasty".

We are learning about time and how the seasons and months change the weather.

The children are exploring how time guides us in our daily routines. We have going to make clocks and are learning about the language of time; you can scaffold this at home by using the time in daily conversations to ensure secure connections are made with this sophisticated language learning.

We are continually amazed at what accomplished learning partners your children are, and we embrace each day we spend with them as they bring great joy to our daily lives. Their laughter and light humour is heart-warming and like a breath of fresh air each day.

We are still enjoying our outdoor learning experiences and are very grateful for your support with this through ensuring your children have appropriate clothing that is warm and waterproof. The setting has placed a set of waterproof trousers in each child's peg bag that stays within the setting. As we have to keep the doors and windows open due to COVID it would be an idea to put extra layers on your child to ensure warmth indoors.

We have been using non-fiction books to find out about hibernating animals and the children have made some amazing artwork using leaves and shapes to explore texture and creativity. They are all confident to repeat some of the facts they have learned.

We are compiling a Sociogram with the children to explore the importance of friendships and how we can support others to feel included and welcome. We talk about the importance of sharing and we are sure the children can tell you that "sharing is caring". We discuss how we can breathe in calmness and Ouse out kindness a good approach to life we think.