



The Strawberry How Nursery School Newsletter can be read in conjunction with the information pages on the Nursery website. www.strawberryhownursery.com or you can find our regular posts on Tapestry our online learning journal and Facebook.

October 2024 Newsletter

Halloween

All the children in the Nursery put on their spooky outfits ready to enjoy the Halloween fun. The Squirrels had a 'Witches and Wizards Day', coming dressed in their best spooky costumes and hats. They enjoyed playing the witches and wizards roles, making potions, and putting their baking skills to the test to bake tasty Halloween treats. The Butterflies made yummy Halloween soup, adding carrots, butternut squash and pumpkin. The Caterpillars loved making a witches brew, adding the newts and worms. Of course, as tradition goes, all the rooms carved their pumpkins. During the Ugly Bug Ball, the children joined in with party games, enjoyed spooky snacks and showed off their dance moves, seeing who could win best dancer.

Calendar 2024

November

- Mon 4 Edible Sparklers (C)
- Mon 11 Remembrance Poppies (S)(B)
- Tue 12 Superhero Veggies (S)
- Fri 15 **Children in Need (S)(B)(C)**
- Wed 20 Astronaut Day (S)
- Wed 20 Pyjama Day (C)
- Thu 21 Dance Party (B)

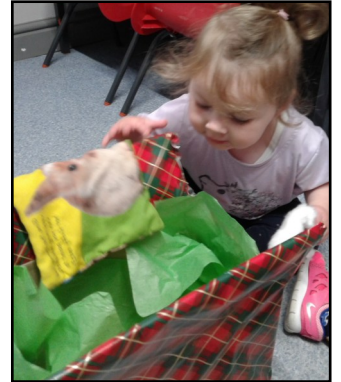
December

- Tue 3 Reindeer Food (C)
- Fri 6 Christmas Market (S)
- Fri 13 Christmas Jumper Day (S)(B)(C)**
- Mon 16 Christmas Bottle ((B)
- Wed 18 Christmas Party Day (S)(B)(C)**
- Fri 20 Christmas Cosy Day (S)(B)



Investigations

Both the Butterflies and the Caterpillars took part in various investigation activities. The Butterflies wondered what would float or sink, made their own gloop, how to grow a rainbow and wondered 'What's in the Box?' The Caterpillars felt inside discovery boxes, held a milk experiment, had to find the hidden items in the sand and felt the textured tuft tray.



Squirrels in Charge



Each year a week is left open for the Squirrel children to decide what they would like to partake in that week. A few weeks before they get together and decide what activities they would like to do that week. This year they came up with making their own big tractor, a drawing day, jigsaws and card games, outdoor adventures and a shopping trip. They headed down into Cockermouth, taking their shopping list with them. They went to WCF for fish food, Sainsburys for baby pumpkins, Bryson's bakery for a loaf of bread and the fruit and vegetable shop for bananas and tangerines.



Learning Makaton Signs at Nursery

This month's Makaton song is 'Ring Around the Pumpkin'. They all sang and signed along to the song throughout this month. Here is a link to the song by Singing Hands, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2i0l7jTaW0>
Below are a few of the signs together with the words. We hope you all have fun learning the signs and singing together at home.



Said



Witches



Fun



Wind



Pumpkins



Late



Don't



Run



Rolled

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate

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The first one said,
"Oh, my it's getting late"

The second one said,
"There are witches in the air"

The third one said,
"But we don't care"

The fourth one said,
"Let's run and run and run"

The fifth one said,
"We're ready for some fun"

Then "Ooh" went the wind and out
went the lights

And the five little pumpkins rolled out

Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December 2024 beginning at 1.00pm

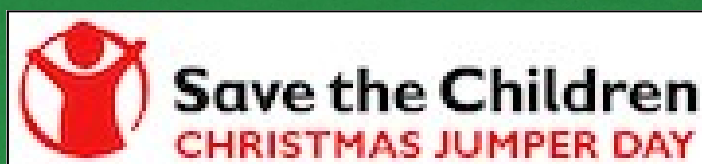
Child's Name _____

If your child doesn't attend this day and you would like them to partake, please fill this in and return to nursery. Alternatively you can email Casey at shnschool@outlook.com

Paediatric First Aid



All staff within the Nursery take part in courses to update their professional development. At the end of this month, eleven members of staff spent the weekend completing a 2 day Paediatric First Aid course. All members of staff are first aid trained and this provided an opportunity for them to reaffirm their knowledge and skills.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friday 13th December 2024



To help raise money for Save the Children, we are inviting children to come dressed up in their festive jumpers or t-shirts on Friday 13th December.

Parents Appointments in January 2025

In order to create discreet and more private opportunities for parents and staff we will be spreading our reporting to parents meetings over one week during the nursery day. Generally these will take place just before your child is picked up at the end of the day. In order that we can do this and still offer correct staffing ratios we need to plan these 10 minute meetings in advance. Will you please indicate the most suitable days on the form below (first choice and second choice). Casey Turner will send you a confirmation with the appointment time.

Child's Name.....

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Caterpillars week commencing 13th Jan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Butterflies week commencing 20th Jan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Squirrels week commencing 27th Jan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>