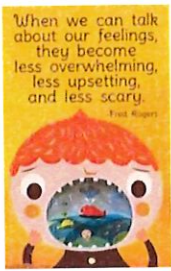


This week in Chestnut

We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's keyworker or any of the staff.

Book of the week: The Colour Monster 	Rhyme of the week: I can sing a rainbow 	Sign of the week: Review of all signs that we have learnt this half term	Happy Thought of the week: 
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Maths

We will be:

- Exploring and comparing objects of various lengths, such as ribbons, sticks, straws, and pencils. Children will talk about which are longer or shorter and sort them by size. They will also use cubes to measure and compare the length of the items.
- Exploring and comparing objects like pinecones and wooden blocks using balance scales to discover which items are heavier or lighter. Children will make predictions and observe what happens when different objects are placed on each side.

Phonics

We will be:

- Sorting pictures of sounds into two groups: sounds we might hear on an autumn walk (like birds, cars, or leaves rustling) and sounds that it is unlikely to hear on an autumn walk (like dinosaur roars or disco music).
- Playing a sound-matching game using recorded environmental sounds. Children will listen carefully and choose pictures that match each sound. Afterward, we'll discuss where they might hear those sounds, like outside or inside.

Learning opportunities

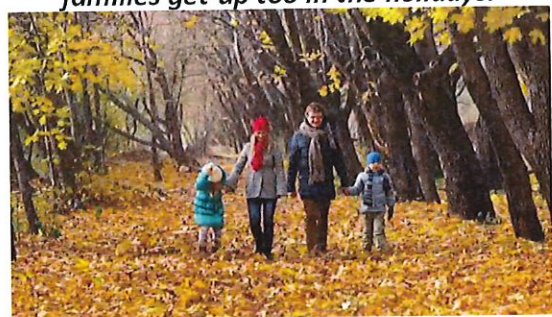
We will be:

- Developing our fine motor skills through pumpkin mark making, painting and pattern creation.
- Creating pumpkin artwork inspired by Yayoi Kusama.
- Making spooky potions by mixing, pouring, stirring and squeezing ingredients.
- Strengthening our hand muscles through pumpkin spice sensory dough experiences.
- Talking about our feelings using The Colour Monster and Colour Monster resources.
- Looking carefully at our faces and creating self-portraits using mirrors.
- Exploring light and shadow through Magnatile building and investigation activities.

Help At Home:

Collecting Autumn Treasures

Your child will be bringing home a bag in which to collect autumn treasures. Enjoy an autumn walk over the half term and collect some earthly treasure along the way. We will be sharing the children's treasure when they come back after the half term and making a collective autumnal tray. **Please post some photographs of your half term fun to EYLog – we love seeing what our families get up too in the holidays.**



Dates for your diary:

- Friday 23rd October – We close for half term.
- Monday 2nd November – We re-open for the Autumn Winter 2 half term