



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents,

### Leaf Man

On Monday, we shared 'Leaf Man' by Lois Elhert. The children thought the leaf characters in the book were extremely funny and set to work straight away to create their own leaf animals using the natural resources in our investigation area. Throughout the morning the children became more adventurous finding their own leaves and autumn treasures in our outdoor provision to use in their play. We are



delighted with the children's growing independence and imaginations. During the rest of the week, the children have been printing with apples, painting pumpkins and vegetables and building a scarecrow for our harvest gallery. They have really persevered to mix different colours and share their fantastic ideas and designs with others. The children have also enjoyed building water based conker chutes and making delicious pumpkin soup dishes in the mud kitchen.



### PE

In PE, we used multi coloured scarves to create rainbow arches following the children's interest in our 'Write Dance' song about Rainbows this week. The children took it in turns with their partner to develop a variety of different actions using the chiffon scarves including circles and arches. We even used the scarves to 'air write' some of our Read Write Inc. Phonics sounds! PE kits have been sent home for washing. Please return named PE kits (t-shirt, shorts, pumps/trainers and tracksuit) in a suitable bag on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.



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## Maths

In Maths, we are learning to weigh objects so that we can weigh the pumpkins for Farmer Burrows! The children have been learning key vocabulary such as 'heavy', 'light' and 'balance' to predict and weigh objects on the balance scales. They particularly enjoyed using their arms as balance scales to indicate the weight of the pumpkins and using the large wooden scales in the Year 1 / 2 outdoor area.



## Literacy

In Literacy, the children are striving to read and blend sounds that they know as well as write sounds / words using a cursive script with a 'perfect pencil grip'. After half term, we will begin to learn 'Action words' alongside our Read Write Inc. Phonics programme. These will be sent home regularly in your child's reading folder to practise and review.

## Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter @JCAWakefield. We regularly update our twitter feed with photos of children throughout the week.

We hope you have a lovely relaxing half term!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Miss Belford and Mrs Rex.

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