

W/B 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**This Week...** we have continued to focus on autumn. With the lovely weather on Wednesday, some of the children went on a wellie walk. We were able to find some nice autumn leaves that we then used in class to do some leaf printing pictures.



Here is Jude painting the leaves that we printed with.

We also enjoyed some free painting, using autumn colours. Zach worked with an adult to use a sponge brush to make some lovely marks on the paper.



This week we had a group activity in our campfire role play area, which allowed the children to work on their expressive arts and design and help to expand their knowledge of the world. We put hats and scarfs on; used our torches to find our way to the campfire spot; lit the campfire and



then toasted our marshmallows, whilst we sang campfire songs. We had different sensory elements including tea bags which smelt smoky!



Here is Laura - pretending to play the guitar - she can't! But none of the children seem to mind! Stanley is taking the opportunity to pinch the marshmallows whilst Laura is busy 'tuning' the guitar!!



Disclaimer: the campfire is pretend!! SO Bethany is not touching naked flames!!

We made pizza faces this week. This was part of our half term umbrella topic 'It's all about me'. The children really enjoyed making the dough and then decorating their pizzas. This helps with their Physical development and skills for life and independence. The children in the baking group love this session and are showing improvements in their skills, concentrating and understanding.



Many of the children love being outside and we are very lucky to have an outdoor swing in one of the play areas. We are hoping to get some vestibular swings to put in our outdoor learning area, as we know all the children will benefit from this!



Also this week we had a messy play activity using shaving foam. We worked on building up our tolerance and touching the texture as well as using the scrapers to make marks. This is the first time Mack and Cole have participated in this activity in class and they both seemed really happy to explore it. Mack thought about tasting the shaving foam at one point, but quickly changed his mind!



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Well done to Oliver for confidently touching the shaving foam!



Jacob has loved looking at this book this week.

Amelia has been singing 'the horse on the bus says neigh, neigh, neigh', whilst playing with the small world farm 😊

**After half term....** We will have our focused messy play spooky week. There will be lots of opportunity for the children to handle and explored different sensory materials and we will be making lots of crafts.

### Reminders

We hope you all have a fabulous half term - any photos that you would like to share please email to [lhall@acorns.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:lhall@acorns.lancs.sch.uk)



Witch Amelia (her words not mine), would like to remind everyone that on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** we will be having a spooky party. If your child attends school on that day, they **can come in a fancy dress outfit** (or send a costume in to school for them change into, if that makes life easier☺) On the Tuesday we will have dancing and games in the hall and then party food in class in the afternoon - any donations of party food would be greatly appreciated!

### **And Finally...**

**Two special mentions this week – one to Oliver who is being a super star with his standing! We are so pleased how well he is coping with his standing frame, without any fuss!! Well done Oliver**

**And secondly – we were all blown away when Stanley said ‘banana’ to make a request at snack time – we were all super proud!**

