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Autumn Term  
Monday 11th October—Friday 15th October 2021



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### Apple and Cherry Class

Another super week in Cherry and Apple Class.

We have been learning to retell the story a Squash and a Squeeze. We have thought of our own actions to the story and sequenced pictures to put the story in order. Also, we have listened to the song walking through the jungle. However, we have changed the words to 'walking through the farm yard'. We then spotted the animals in the story: a hen, a goat, a pig and a cow. Here is the song walking through the jungle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plxYOquSyJg> Once you have listened to the original song, see if you can sing the new version together. In Maths we have been making repeating patterns using natural objects. We were great at carrying on a repeated pattern, at making our own and for spotting the adults mistakes in their patterns! We also used different things in our play, like duplo, to make repeating patterns. To add to this, we've been testing our memory with a memory game. An adult has been showing us a group of items and then hiding them under a cloth. The adult then takes one of these items away and we've had to guess what it missing. Sometimes it really tricked us, but other times we got it straight away! Maybe you would like to play this game at home too. Next week we are going to make our own story maps for a squash and a squeeze and we have the life bus coming on Thursday to talk all about our bodies.

### Birch, Maple & Walnut Class

This week we have really enjoyed writing the middle part of the story Mr Big! We have thought about using capital letters, full stops, !, ? and using sound mats to help us. In Year 1 we have been looking at one more in Maths and have used maths equipment and pictorial representations to see it in different ways. In Year 2, we have been practising to count in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's and have used equipment to show our understanding of a sequence. We have been doing observational drawings of the inside of pumpkins in art. We have really enjoyed our class assemblies and it has been amazing to see so many of you attend. Thank you!

We think all of the children have been incredible!

Next week we will be writing the end of our story. We will continue with our work in maths looking at counting and one less. We are also having a visit from Coram Life Education where we will be learning all about our feelings. We will be having a Halloween theme in our classrooms and rainbow room next week where we will be creating potions, writing spells and reading books such as Room on the Broom, Pick a Pumpkin and Pumpkin Soup! We will be working scientifically to make fizzing potions, dissolve spider ice hands and make slime. We will finish the week with the Halloween Non-School Uniform day on Thursday 21st October!!

We will be putting up a sign up list outside our classrooms on Monday for Parents evening slots for Term 2. Please remember to sign up to an appointment next week. Thank you.



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### Nursery News

*A message from Louise King.*

*I will be leaving my role as Nursery lead at the end of January.*

*It has been an absolute privilege to work with so many children and families over the years. Stonehouse Park school and Nursery are very dear to me and I will leave the children in very safe hands. Our team in the Nursery are outstanding and go above and beyond each day to provide the best care and education to all your children.*

*The Governors and school leaders will be recruiting a new nursery leader over the coming weeks. They will take great care to ensure they appoint the right person with the right experience and skills.*

### Acorns



*This week the children have been running cars through paint and making track marks on material and paper. We have explored cinnamon dough with conkers, cutters and moulds. Large wooden fruits have been threaded on strings and we have danced with ribbons.*

*Please could you support your child with taking down their zip and taking off their own coat.*

*Unfortunately we have had a lot of illness during the last two weeks, please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell. It has been stated on the news that children may become unwell this winter because of not having the usual contact with their peers during the lockdown period. I can reassure you that our whole site is cleaned to a very high standard.*

*We had a cleaning audit carried out in July by the County Council, they were highly impressed with the standard of cleanliness throughout the Nursery and School.*



*It would be lovely to see some of the children dressed for Halloween on Wednesday and Thursday morning but only if your child is comfortable with this and you already have something they can wear.*

### Conkers

*This week our topic has been all about Autumn.*

*At story time the children listened to the Little Acorn story and were able to answer questions about what they had observed i.e leaves falling, changing colour and the weather becoming colder.*

*They enjoyed exploring the autumn sensory tuff spot and used magnifying glasses and tweezers to support their play.*

*Using a large selection of construction materials the children made towers, houses and roads.*

*To support the children's physical skills we used the planks outside and they were able to use their bodies in different ways to travel across.*

*Next week we will be celebrating Halloween, we invite the children to dress up on Wednesday and Thursday if they would like to.*