

# THE EARLY YEARS ECHO

## DISCOVERING OUR WORLD ONE DAY AT A TIME

### BONKERS ABOUT CONKERS!

The children have loved exploring the outdoor provision and have noticed our two horse chestnut trees have started to produce many conkers. We have loved collecting conkers of all shapes and sizes and have used them to support our learning in the classroom.



Comparing size



Sink or float?

### Autumn is here!

The children have been very observant about their world around them and how their environment is beginning to change. We have loved collecting natural treasures from our wonderful garden.



*“All of the leaves fall down and they start turning orange in Autumn!”* Charlotte

*“In Autumn, the leaves change colour...”* Ruby

*“They feel crunchy and they’re from Autumn... I’m gonna mix green and red.”* Sophie



We have also loved getting messy with pumpkins! The children were intrigued to discover what was inside and enjoyed exploring the texture of the seeds and pumpkin flesh.



#### Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** Return to school

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** PTFA Disco (Reception & KS1 children)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** Flu Vaccines Reception

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** Anti Bullying Week- Odd Sock Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** Children in Need (Non-Uniform- Show us your SPOTS!)

**WB Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Open Week

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** EYFS Nativity

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Carols and Cocoa



KEYWORDS

Powerful, curious, confident, resilient, competent

Observational Drawings

A range of pumpkins have been displayed in the Studio to provoke the skill of observational drawing. The children have enjoyed talking about the change of season and Harvest Festival and were intrigued by the pumpkins.

The children have loved developing their observational drawing skills, paying particular attention to *texture*, *shapes* and *pattern*, *colours* and *contours*, *shadows*, *light* and *shade*, and *perspective*.

“This one is shaped like a nut. Now, I’m drawing this pumpkin- a tiny, tiny one. This one is so green. I’m doing a massive stalk.” Max

“This is big and round.” Isla A

“I need orange for the pumpkin and a darker colour for the top.” Isla B

“They are like circles, they go round and round.” Poppy

“They are orange! Some bits are lighter!” Emilia



SHOWBIE

We hope you have enjoyed using Showbie this term to find out all about what your child is learning in Maths and Phonics. Thank you for engaging and supporting your children’s learning at home!



This term we have introduced the online game ‘NumBots’ for Reception children and we would like to say a huge thank you to the children who have begun to access this at home. We would, however, like to strongly urge those parents of children who have not yet accessed this platform to give it a go to help support their children boost their addition and subtraction skills from home. Playing little and often will significantly improve your child’s recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in Maths and so we are very excited by the impact NumBots will have for those children who are engaging with this game at home.

Logging In

The children have been shown how to login and have brought home a username label in their reading diary. They might need some help navigating to the website and entering the details, but once they’re in they just need some quiet space to get on with the games for 5 minutes daily. Please ask a member if the EYFS team if you are struggling to login. Unfortunately, Maths Circle (the creators of NumBots) cannot provide username and password information to parents, even during school holidays or out of hours.

eBook Reminder

Please can Reception parents ensure they are accessing the Big Cat eBook at home. Your child is assigned a new reading book every Monday which they should be reading most nights at home. If you’re having trouble accessing this, please speak to a member of the EYFS team.

OPEN WEEK

We are so excited to welcome all parents into school for our Open Week. This is when parents meet teachers to share all of the wonderful learning that has taken place so far. The open week is commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022. You will receive more information about booking your 10-minute appointment from the school office.



# THE GREAT BB BAKE OFF

The children in early years have been reaping the benefits of our new oven! We have cooked and baked lots of yummy food that we have loved trying. Discussions quickly turned to ingredients, food preparations, sharing their home experiences of cooking - autumn pies quickly turned into a wider range of winter warmers including tomato soup using our home-grown tomatoes. Children used one handed tools, such as peelers to remove the skin from fruit and vegetables that had been added to the provision as a provocation. The children were very excited to use real knives and boards to chop up their ingredients as they made a magnificent feast!

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR CREATIONS!



## Harvest

The children have enjoyed learning all about Harvest Festival during worship time. We discussed where food comes from, appreciated how hard farmers work, learned the different ways that different foods can be harvested and thought about how we can give to those less fortunate. The children made links with their real-world experience of growing tomatoes in our polytunnel and the apples that are growing on our trees. We enjoyed saying a big thank you to all of the farmers who work so hard and to God for giving us the gift of food.

Some children were keen to get involved with harvesting the apples in our garden!

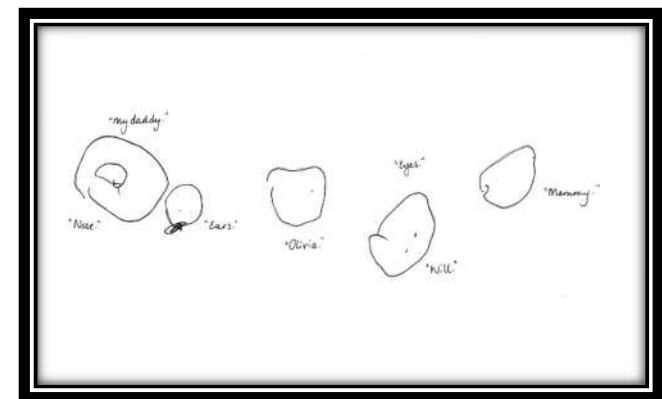
“It’s all about the farmers. We say thank you for all of my food. You can pick real food, gonna plant some carrots and apples and tomatoes. The farmers use tractors and combine harvesters.” Luca-Ali





WE ARE FAMILY!

This half term, the children have loved getting to know their peers and adults and have enjoyed making lots of new friends. We value the quality time we spend together in our Family groups, where we spend time practicing our speaking and listening skills. During this time, we have been learning all about each other. We have been talking about ourselves and discussing our identity and have enjoyed exploring families and people who are important to us. Thank you for sending in your beautiful family photos, they have been a real talking point for the children. It has been wonderful to listen to the children speak about their family with such pride and emotion.



Children have celebrated themselves and their families in a range of exciting and creative ways. Children have expressed themselves and their families through artwork and have created a range of media such as portraits, line drawings. Whilst composing their artwork, the children have learned the technique of tracing and smudging when using charcoal, colour mixing using water colours and how to concentrate on details when creating self-portraits.

Children have enjoyed taking on the role of their parents and demonstrating their passion for cooking. Children have enjoyed using playdough to make cakes for celebrations as well as lots of winter feasts! Conversations about this area have led to children discussing times of celebrations, such as birthdays, how and why we celebrate these special times.

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Your trash is our treasure, please think of us before you throw anything in the bin! This half term, we're looking for the following items to enhance our provision.....

- Hats & Bags
- (for fancy dress)
- Photo frames
- Dinosaurs

- Safari animal figures
- Wooden toys
- Christmas decorations

Library

The children have really enjoyed spending time in our library. They have loved having the independence of choosing their own books and exploring a range of genres. Your child will be accessing the library on the days listed below, please ensure their sharing books are back in their book bag on these days.

- Monday – Mrs Whelam-Tate
- Tuesday- Mrs Dawson
- Thursday- Miss Liddle