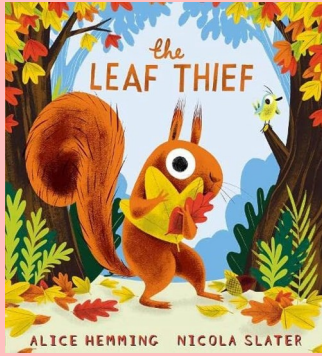


Our story this week called 'The Leaf Thief' by Alice Hemming, began our exploration into Seasons. In the story, the squirrel thought that somebody was stealing the leaves from his tree. Luckily his friend Bird, explained that this happens every year in Autumn.



We explored other signs of Autumn such as conkers falling, leaves changing colours, blackberries growing, the weather getting cooler. We went on an Autumn walk to see if we could spot some of these signs on the school grounds.

Home challenge: Can you spot any more signs of Autumn whilst on a walk near your home?



Reception weekly newsletter

Week commencing:
16.10.23

Phonics

This week was our review and assessment week. We have recapped all 20 phonemes we have taught this half term. We worked on our *oral blending*— where the adult sounds out, and the child says the word; as well as having a go at this ourselves. We also practised using these sounds to write words on our whiteboards. Such as sit, hat, bin and dog.

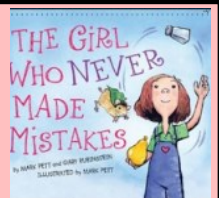
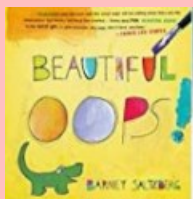
Home challenge: Continue to practise letter formation and pencil grip over the break. You could have a go at writing some words in fun ways— a stick in the mud, chalks in the garden, bath crayons, writing on the shower screen etc. Please see the attached video from last week to support you with segmenting for writing.

Maths

Our maths focus has continued to be *composition*— how a number can be composed, such as 4 can be made with 2 and 2, or 3 and 1 more. We continued to work on our *subitising* skills recognising an amount without the need to count and played a roll and cover game as well as bingo.

Home challenge: Play "Kims Game". Gather 4 or 5 items and hide them under a tea towel. Ask your child to close their eyes and remove an item or rearrange the group of objects. Ask them "What is different?"

5R's - At the beginning of this term we looked at the 5R's (positive learning behaviours) with the children. The children will be familiar with these through our dinosaurs— Explorasaurus, Thinkodocus, Solvosaurus Rex, Stickasaurus, Tryatops and Shareolophus. We would like to recommend the following story books. These books will help facilitate discussions about making mistakes and learning from them. "Beautiful Oops" by Barney Saltzberg, "The Dot" by Peter Reynolds and "The Girl who never made mistakes" by Mark Pett and Gary Rubinstein.



Home challenges are helpful ideas for you in supporting your child to consolidate their learning at home. Please feel free to choose those you feel are achievable for you and share on Tapestry