

12th October 2018



CONKER BONKERS

This week we have most definitely been going bonkers for conkers! Who knew you could cover so many areas of learning with the humble conker?



Maths... we have been practising our 1:1 counting correspondence, introducing addition by finding 1 more, exploring subtraction with a conker rhyme, working on number recognition by rolling conkers down a ramp and along a number line.

We have also been exploring heavier/lighter by weighing dinosaurs with conkers on balance scales.

Literacy... we have been memorising a poem about conkers and spotting rhyming words.



Understanding the world... we have made chocolate conkers, observing how the ingredients changed with mixing and heating.



Number rhyme

5 shiny conkers,
Hanging on a tree.
If 1 fell down,
How many would there be?

PHONICS

We are super impressed with the progress the children are making. We can tell that you've been practising lots at home, it makes such a huge difference to their progress. Today the children have brought home their first 'tricky word' to learn. These are 'tricky' because we can't sound them out to read them and so we have to learn to recognise the whole word. Please can you ensure that both key rings are in your child's book bag on a Friday so that we can add new sounds and words each week as we teach them.



Although we do not use the Jolly Phonics programme we do tend to teach the children their sound actions as they can be extremely helpful for some children. There is a super video on Youtube that goes through all the actions and how to say the sounds accurately. It really is well worth a watch. Search Youtube 'Jolly Phonics Sounds and Actions' by Little Learners.

Hope you have a good weekend! The Early Years Team

Please don't forget wellies/boots and coats on Monday for our Autumn walk.