



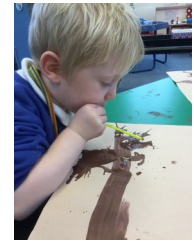
13th October 2017



PERCY THE PARK KEEPER

The autumn theme has continued this week with the help of Percy the park keeper and his animal friends. We had a wonderful class discussion about hedgehogs and hibernation and then the children did lots of fine motor skill work to make hedgehogs out of different media.

The children decided that their hedgehogs needed a woodland to live in so we painted lots of autumn trees using straws to blow the paint for the branches (a great way to strengthen mouth muscles for developing communication).



One of our favourite Percy stories was After the Storm, where Percy helps the animals to build new homes in an old oak tree. The children really impressed us with their problem solving skills when we set the challenge of building a large oak tree out of cardboard boxes. The end result was amazing as was the wonderful role playing that ensued.

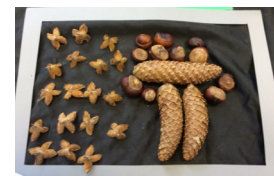


TRANSIENT AUTUMN ART



If you haven't come across the term before, transient art is a non-permanent form of art where the children can explore different materials and keep changing their creations until they are fully satisfied with them. It is a great way of developing their creativity as well as their

imagination skills without the pressure of "making a mistake". Here are a couple of their beautiful creations.



SUPER SCIENTISTS

With her school science leader hat on, Mrs Clarkson is always looking for ways to develop the children's science skills. This week they were making close observations of leaves using magnifying glasses and the light boxes.



AUTUMN WALK

On Monday we are taking the children for an Autumn walk around Masham. Please can the children bring wellies and waterproofs to school.

Have a good weekend. The Early Years Team