

20th October 2017



## AUTUMN WALK



We had a lovely walk around the churchyard and recreation area on Monday morning. The changing colours of autumn are a fabulous resource for exploring early science, art and literacy. The children spotted many different signs of autumn

and they collected a big basketful of autumn "treasure". Their use of language to describe autumn was wonderful.



## PARACHUTE PLAY



We've been having great fun this week using our new parachute to play phonics and number recognition games. As well as making us laugh out loud, parachute play is great for strengthening shoulder, arm and hand muscles. When children work together to make the parachute billow, they also develop their perceptual motor skills and sense of rhythm.



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## WONDERFUL WILDERNESS



The children enjoyed exploring our wilderness area on Wednesday afternoon. They hunted for minibeasts, made leaf necklaces and spotted birds. We are firm believers that playing and learning amongst wildlife has huge benefits for children, not least that it helps them to understand and respect nature, the environment and the relationship between humans, animals and plants.



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## CHOCOLATE CONKERS

If you've got some time to fill this half term, there are lots of fabulous autumn activity ideas on the Woodland Trust's Nature Detectives website, such as the chocolate conkers that we made this afternoon.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>

Hope you have a great half term. The Early Years Team

Children need to **PLAY** to  
**BE ADAPTABLE** **CONSTRUCT KNOWLEDGE**  
**PROBLEM LEARN** **CREATE**  
**SOLVE PROCESS** **EMOTIONS**  
**INTERNALISE EXPERIENCES**  
**DISCOVER** **CHALLENGE**  
**BE HEALTHY THEMSELVES**  
**LAUGH & HAVE FUN**  
**LEARN TO WORK** **IMAGINE**  
**TOGETHER** **LEARN TO LEAD**  
**EXPRESS** **EXPLORE** **SPEAK**  
**IDEAS** **DEVELOP** **READ**  
**MANAGE** **AN INQUIRING**  
**STRESS** **MIND** **WRITE**  
**Because** **PLAY** **COUNT**  
**matters.**