

October Newsletter 2015 – Number 1

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This half term is speeding along, and the children are beginning to show us their interests. During the next half term we will be planning activities around these. We will also have a 'Stay and Play' session, more details to follow in the last newsletter of this half term.

Activities

The staff and I were very proud of the children at Harvest Festival on Monday, for singing their Harvest song and offering their food in Church with the First School children. We have also dug up our potatoes and we will have them for snack next week.

During the next two weeks we plan to continue to explore Autumn and Halloween. We will collect leaves from around Pre-school and compare sizes, make pumpkin soup and go on a spider hunt (we will of course take into consideration any of the children's fears of spiders).

Education for Sustainable Development

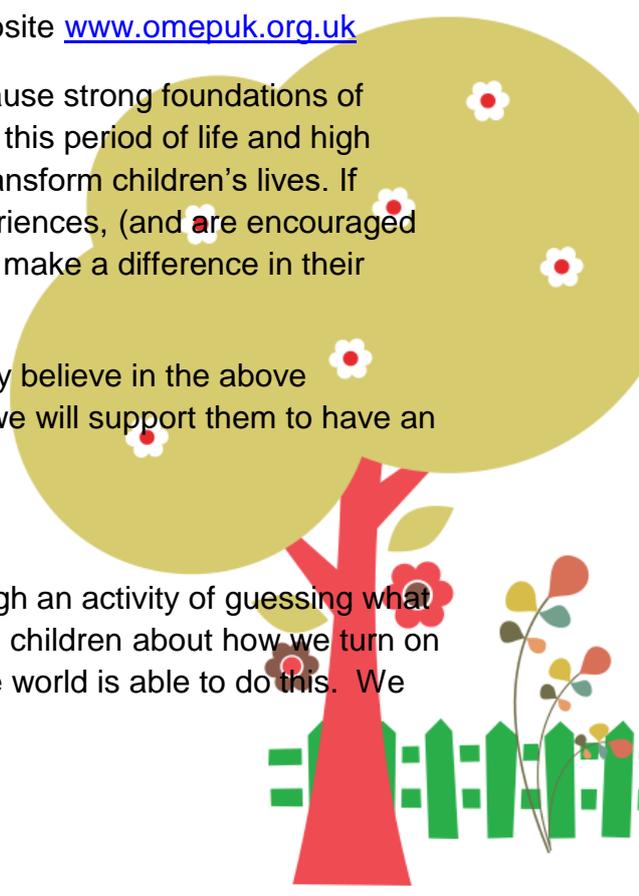
We have decided to become a member of OMEP which is an organisation that supports Pre-school's with ideas on how to develop Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Please have a look on their website www.omepuk.org.uk

'ESD in the early years are of crucial importance because strong foundations of knowledge, skills and attitudes are established during this period of life and high quality education (within settings and at home) can transform children's lives. If young children participate in rich and interesting experiences, (and are encouraged to explore, understand and solve problems), they can make a difference in their worlds, both now and in years to come'.

As we are a Rights-Respecting Pre-school we strongly believe in the above statement and during your child's time at Pre-school we will support them to have an understanding of their rights and the rights of others.

Our Water Project

Firstly, we talked about our right to clean water, through an activity of guessing what was in the feely bag. It was a tap. We talked with the children about how we turn on our tap to receive clean water, but not everyone in the world is able to do this. We



looked at our hands and talked about whether we could see germs - The children decided they couldn't. We then talked about when we need to wash our hands (the children said before we eat and after we use the toilet) and what would happen if we didn't (the children said we would get poorly).

During next week, we will talk about the following: Where does water come from? Make a poster to remind us to wash our hands to get rid of the germs and continue to talk about how important it is to wash our hands.

Zoe Miles is visiting us on Thursday 15th October for a water activity.

“It might look good...but is it safe to drink”?

We would like the children to collect samples in plastic recycled bottles from a source of water. The following sources are: Tap, Bottled, Pond, Stream, River, Sea, Puddle, Water Butt, Spring and Toilet Water. Please can you name where your source came from and bring them in on Thursday 15th October. Zoe has a blog were you can visit some of her ESD projects from ours and other Pre-school's. It is www.zoemiles.org

Coats, Cardigans and Jumpers

Some of the children's clothing is still unnamed making it really difficult for when we are trying to get the children ready to go out and we do not know whose clothing it is. **Please can you put your child's name into their clothing.**

Kind Regards
Karen



