

October 2018



Dear Parent and Carers,

What a busy month we have all had. Let's have a look at what we have all been up to during October.

### What have we been up to.....

At the beginning of the month Oak Tree enjoyed an autumnal walk into Kirkham, collecting various seasonal items. We discussed about the time of the year and the change and how all the food is being harvested. We all enjoyed joining all of St Michael's school at their Harvest Festival, thank you for all your kind donations, it was greatly appreciated. In keeping with the Harvest Festival, we were very grateful to have a parent come in from the local bakery, who used their skills to teach us how to make bread, which we all enjoyed eating at home, it was lovely to see some of your photographs on Tapestry of you enjoying your bread. We tried to remember the skills we learnt from the baker to create our own hedgehog bread. If any parents would like to come in and talk about their work or share their skills with us, we would gratefully appreciate it. To further our baking skills, Nikki has been in and talked about dough, we all created our own pizza face and enjoyed eating them for tea. As we have been focusing on "We Are Going on a Bear Hunt", we created our own bears with playdough and collage, we focused on re-telling the story without using the book and re-told the story outside. We also completed a sensory walk using our feet, exploring the different textures associated with the story. Oak Tree enjoyed celebrating Halloween with various activities including face painting, dancing to spooky music, creative activities and playing silly soup encouraging rhyming matching sounds. We explored different pumpkins and squashes and enjoyed making pumpkin and squash soup for our tea. We all observed a pumpkin and then created a picture of what we had observed. We also created a science experiment with pumpkins and conkers and used our estimation skills to think how many conkers it would take to sink the pumpkin. We have started to look more at the Characteristics of Effective Learning and have been discussing what proud means and then talking about our proud moments. Oak Tree celebrated the Royal Wedding of Princess Eugenie and Jack by having our own wedding party and talked about all the different Royal people and learnt their names.

In Seedlings we have had a very autumnal themed month and have been very busy creating lots of autumnal themed art work. During October we have also been focussing on Halloween creating lots of spooky pictures such as ghosts, pumpkins,

spiders and zombies. The children also enjoyed exploring a different variety of pumpkins. We had them in our investigation area, water tray and the gloopy insides in our messy play area. We also watched them being carved ready for Halloween. Seedlings got very spooky in their dressing up outfits and enjoyed their Halloween party, especially the chocolate filled pinata and the gruesome tea. In keeping with the autumnal theme, we have enjoyed exploring the different coloured leaves, counting conkers, made playdough spiders and had spiders in our swampy water. We have enjoyed running around in the rain and jumping in muddy puddles. We even took a walk into Kirkham to see if we could notice any changes to our environment due to the changing weather and enjoyed a play on the park. We have welcomed some new friends to Seedlings this last month and they have all settled in really well. We have focussed on circle time to introduce the children to their new friends and our routine.

In Acorns we have been very excited as we have turned our home corner into a Fruit and Veg shop and incorporated pumpkins into it! The children very much enjoyed a trip to the fruit and veg shop in particular choosing some real vegetables and handling the money. We have been exploring pumpkins using different approaches such as tasting, poking, looking and feeling. We have also been very busy creating some conker rolling pictures and have been concentrating on naming the colours. The children have also enjoyed dressing up for Halloween and our Halloween tea.

In Little Acorns we have welcomed some new friends who all seem to be settling in to their new nursery life very well. Little Acorns have continued to enjoy lots of Autumn walks to the shops and playing outside in the garden Little Acorns staff have continued to improve the sensory room in order for the babies to continue enjoying lots of sensory sessions. We have all very much enjoyed creating lots of crafts during Halloween and we especially enjoyed seeing all the babies dressed up in their Halloween outfits.

### [Facebook](#)

We know a lot of parents now follow our page on Facebook and it is fantastic to see so many likes and comments when we post updates regarding your children. What would be even better is if parents could leave a review so that everyone can see what a fantastic nursery we are 😊

### [Tapestry](#)

Please remember that as a parent you can add videos or pictures to Tapestry. If you see your child doing something and you feel this is something that needs sharing or celebrating please feel free to add it on. If you are unsure of how to do this, please see a member of staff in your child's room who will be happy to show you.

### Tree Tots App

We are very excited to tell you that we have now invested in an app for Tree Tots Nursery. If you haven't seen one before it's a very handy app that you download to your phone and it will hold all the newsletters, important dates, messages and important forms. There will also be links to the menus, our policies and direct access to our website. We feel that this a big step for nursery in stepping forward and keeping up to speed with the modern world we now live in. We are hoping to launch this around Parents Evening. There will be more specific information to follow separately in the near future.

### Nursery Photos

We have our Photographers coming in to take pictures on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 9.30 – 12.30pm. This is for the whole Nursery, so every child will get the opportunity to have a photo taken. If your Child does not attend a Tuesday session, please bring them into nursery between these times and we can get them slotted in and photographed.

### Parents Evening

Don't forget it is Parents Evening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 6.10pm. If you wish to make an appointment with your child's Key Person there should be time slots for you to book outside your child's room.

### Children In Need

The week of the 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November it is Children in Need week. We have decided that all this week, in return for a donation of £1, children can come to nursery in their pyjamas. **Oak Tree children to wear uniform on the Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as they will be visiting the Cenotaph. Please also remember that it is photo day on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November so please send them to nursery in clothing you wish them to be photographed in. We can always change them back into their pyjamas afterwards if you require us to.**

### Mission Christmas

Thank you so much to everyone who has already contributed to our Mission Christmas appeal. We have been continuing our Mission Christmas throughout the year. If you are shopping and are able to buy an extra present please do bring it in to nursery, there is a basket just by the office, it really is appreciated.

### Christmas Fair

Our Christmas fair will be on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 this year. If you have a business and have any raffle prizes you would like to donate they would very much be appreciated. In return we will happily promote and advertise your business on the day.

### Appropriate clothing

Now that the weather is getting a little colder please can we remind you all to bring in appropriate clothing for the children to be wearing outside. We are still having a

lot of children who are not bringing in a coat and unfortunately, we do not have enough spares for them all to wear.

**Dates for diaries**

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Children in Need pyjama week.

13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Photographer will be at Nursery from 9.30am

20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Parents Evening 6.10pm – 8pm

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – St Andrews Day – please wear blue

15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Fair 10am-12pm

Kind Regards

Tree Tots Nursery Team