



Caterpillar Kids

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

What did we get up to this month?
Take a look!



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WHAT WE LEARNED

We learned all about what happens in nature in October. We learned about hibernating animals gathering food for the Winter and Ben told us that bats eat spider's webs. We made skeletons with cotton buds and we looked at our own bodies. We could feel our bones under our skin and we were able to move our knee and elbow joints up and down and our ankles and wrists moved in a circle. We learned some new songs about pumpkins and Autumn leaves.



WHAT WE MADE

Our art work reflected the season. We made collage Squirrels. We painted Owls and Bats. We decorated our room for Halloween with 3D Spiders made from fruit cartons, cotton wool Ghosts and Skeletons. This fueled our imagination and creative development.



WHAT WE DID

We enjoyed the spirit of the season and added all kinds of gory things to our sensory tray like jelly with spiders and orange spaghetti. We also used rice painted in autumnal colours and lots of natural things like leaves, pine cones, conkers etc. Catherine helped us carve a Pumpkin and some of us were brave enough to pull out the seeds and pulp. Miriam put in her hand and the Pumpkin tried to swallow it. Everyone had to hold on to her to save the day.



OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our favourite thing this month was all the stories about Witches and Halloween. We loved Room on the Broom and Winnie the Witch. We all dressed up for Halloween and really had fun at the party.



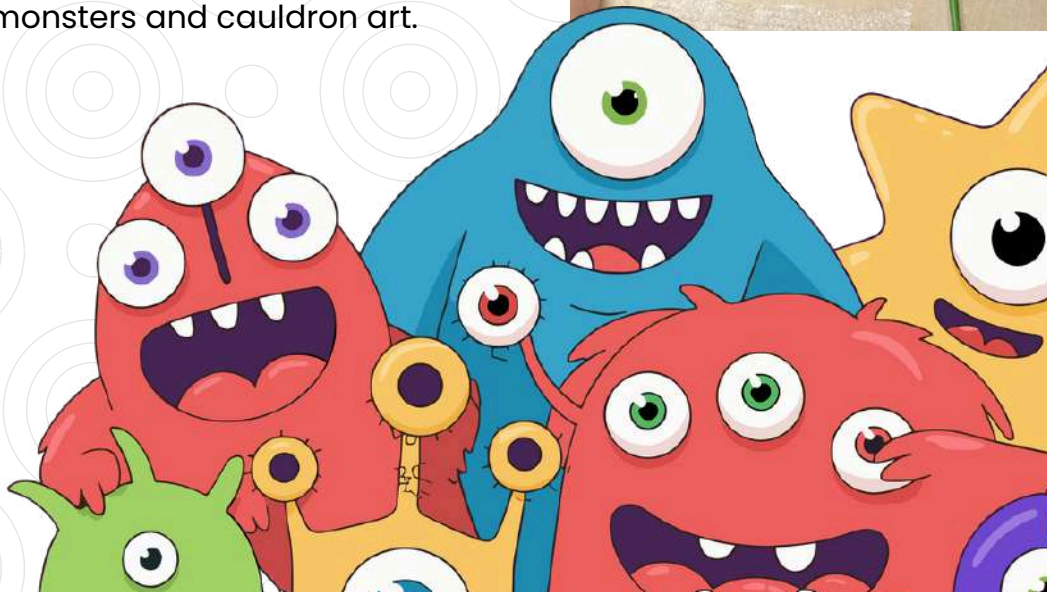
WHAT WE LEARNED

We watched birds fight over bread, then broke it up and stayed still so they'd eat it. We saw Jackdaws and Crows, learned blackbirds go to Africa for winter, and that Santa's bird is the Robin. We learned about old Irish turnip carving, Diwali, and how pumpkins grow. We sang and danced skeleton songs and followed beats to The Addams Family using cups and hands.



WHAT WE MADE

We made spooky Halloween decorations for our room and home, found a four-legged spider and made our own with eyes and bounce. We painted our favourite garden birds, made pumpkins and ghosts using bright colours and bubble wrap, turned a big box into a haunted playhouse, and used hammers and paint outside to make splat monsters and cauldron art.



WHAT WE DID

We liked feeding the birds, and have been practicing stringing so we made our own bird feeder to bring home to put out for any hungry birds around our homes. We played a pumpkin obstacle game in the garden, it was lots of fun trying to get past the swinging pumpkin!



OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our favourite thing was our Halloween Party! We dressed up, danced to spooky songs, and played games like musical chairs, Halloween Freeze Dance, and bowling. We even played a flour game to find treats! All month we made potions, mixing colours, vinegar, and baking soda in pumpkin cauldrons like Winnie the Witch from Room on the Broom.



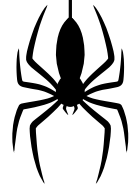
BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrated Feidhlim's' birthday. Happy Birthday!



WHAT WE LEARNED

We learned all about adjectives, nouns, and verbs by making our own Mad Libs stories. We gave our teacher lots of silly words, and they put them into a Halloween story template. Then we took turns reading our funny stories to each other, it made us laugh so much! This month, we also did lots of building, using Lego, magnetic blocks, and even toy wrestlers! We discovered that the way we build our zoos, houses, and spaceships can make them stronger and steadier. We even tested our buildings by gently dropping heavier toys on them to see if they would stay standing. It was a fun way to learn about strong structures!



WHAT WE MADE

This month, we rolled up our sleeves and explored the magic of clay! We shaped and pressed leaves in the clay and added a touch of golden paint to make shining keepsakes. We also had lots of fun decorating our room for Halloween. We coloured, cut, and glued vampires, pumpkins, witches, and even Frankenstein's monster! We also used recycled cardboard to create spooky fluttering bats, monster cards, and sprinkled glitter to make dazzling spider-webs. Our room was filled with Halloween cheer and autumn magic!



AFTERSCHOOL

WHAT WE DID

We had a super fun Crazy Hair Day! Everyone came in with wild and wonderful hairstyles that showed off their creativity and personality. Before autumn ended, we explored our sensory tray filled with crunchy leaves, sticks, conkers, acorns, and pinecones, using little animal toys to spark our imagination.

We also worked in teams on a Haunted House Project, first designing our ideas on paper, then building the houses and creating spooky stories to go with them. We even campaigned for votes from the other after schoolers, and teachers. We also worked together to invent new games using equipment we already had. The children added their own twist to our 'Time-Bomb' game using soft pumpkins and even created a brand-new game called 'Up-Up!' It was amazing to see their teamwork, confidence, and creativity grow!

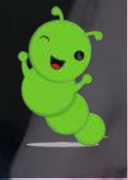
OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our favourite thing was our Halloween party! We loved dressing up and playing exciting games like musical statues, musical bums, and mummy wrapping. We had so much fun being creative, winning prizes, and taking home lots of tasty treats!

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This month we celebrated Grainne, Marnie, Birthday. Happy Birthday!






THAT'S ALL FOR OCTOBER!

We'll see you next month!

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