



Caterpillar Kids

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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



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WHAT WE DID

During our first week in preschool we did our hand and foot prints. We made playdough and together we created all sorts of wonderful things with it. This helps to develop imagination and creativity as well as fine motor and social skills. Every week we filled our sensory box with different things such as: water, rice, leaves and other bits and pieces we found in nature and enjoyed playing with it all.



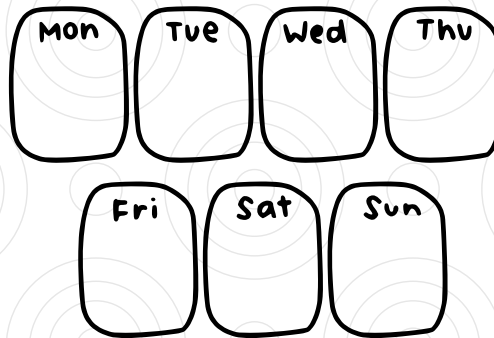
OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our favourite thing in September was listening to stories such as "The Gruffalo" and "Owl Babies" and dancing to music outside. We particularly liked "I'm Going On A Bear Hunt" and we made binoculars to try and find the bear. We also had our first Fire Drill which was a great adventure.



WHAT WE LEARNED

In September we made a lot of new friends and we all shouted out our names in Circle Time. We learned our Hello Song as well as lots of new nursery rhymes, number songs and a very special song which reminds us how important it is to wash our hands to keep ourselves safe and healthy. We are also learning about the days of the week through song and we try to guess what day it is today.



WHAT WE MADE

We really enjoyed using our construction toys: Magsnaps, Cubes, Pipes and lego to make amazing creations. We loved painting and gluing and made pictures of ourselves and our homes using different shapes. We spent a lot of time outside and painted pictures of the very changeable Autumn weather. We were talking about the changes in nature and we made collage Hedgehogs using crumpled up leaves.



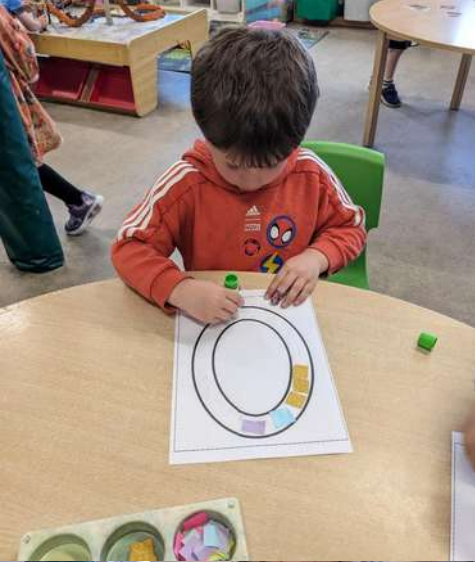
WHAT WE LEARNED

September was all about settling back into preschool! We welcomed some new friends to our class and have really enjoyed getting to know them. We had our photos taken with a fun "Back to School" balloon display that our friend Louis brought in. We've been singing our hello and goodbye songs to help everyone learn each other's names, and we even made colourful mosaics of the first letter in our names!

BACK TO SCHOOL

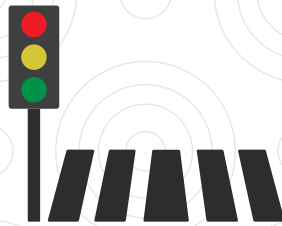
WHAT WE MADE

We explored lots of fun sensory bins this month! We created a potion tray filled with glittery rice, acorns, and leaves we collected outside. We built a road tray using mud and sand to make ramps, and a baking soda tray that fizzed and bubbled when we added vinegar. We also played with an Autumn-themed sensory bin full of colourful rice, sparkly leaf sequins, pinecones, and conker shells. The perfect way to celebrate the season of Autumn!



WHAT WE DID

We had so much fun during Transport Week! We learned all about zebra crossings, traffic lights, and the Safe Cross Code, and we even sang the traffic light song. We built tunnels and parking spaces for our toy cars, which we loved! During Fairy Tale Week, we enjoyed stories like The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and Jack and the Beanstalk. We especially loved acting out The Three Billy Goats Gruff together!



OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our favourite activity this month was The Three Little Pigs! We cut out three houses from cardboard and decorated them with hay, sticks, and bricks. Then we acted out the story: huffing, puffing, and blowing the houses down while repeating the pigs' famous lines!



BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrated Louis' birthday. Happy Birthday!

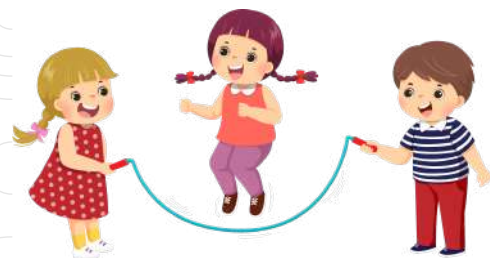


WHAT WE LEARNED

We had great fun challenging ourselves with the big skipping rope! We counted how many jumps we could do in one go, then made it trickier by running into the rope, and even jumping two at a time! We also got creative making our own games, like a squirrel toss game using cardboard and conkers, and a giant dice for our life-sized board game.

WHAT WE MADE

We had lots of fun creating autumn-themed arts and crafts! On our first day back together, we painted colourful watercolours on orange card, full of hearts because we had missed each other so much! We also made lists of things we'd like to do this term and shared them with Fiona in the shelter. Now we're getting ready for Crazy Hair Day. We can't wait!



AFTERSCHOOL

WHAT WE DID

One of our teachers brought in conkers, and we had a great time inventing our own target games, rolling and throwing them to see who could land closest to the mark! It was a fun way to practice our fine motor skills and concentration. We also had a bubble-blowing challenge and discovered that blowing slowly, not fast, was the secret to making the best bubbles. Then we competed to see who could make the biggest one! One day we noticed chalk marks on the wall and decided to wash them off together. Later that evening, when the rain came pouring down, we gathered every container we could find to collect it. We really love our outdoor time after a long day at school and homework!



OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our favourite things this month were seeing our friends again and playing all the fun games we made with conkers!



BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrated Ronan, Maria and Aisling's Birthday. Happy Birthday!






THAT'S ALL FOR SEPTEMBER!

We'll see you next month!

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