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Our topic this week is 'Pumpkins and Autumn'. We have read autumn themed books, and our focus story has been 'Pumpkin Soup'.

Books we have read:

- Pumpkin soup
- Room on the broom
- The best gift of all
- The squirrels who squabbled
- The leaf thief
- The Gruffalo

Activities/provision this week:

- Small world farm - The children played with the farmyard, tractor, trailers and farm animals.
- Autumn playdough - The children played with orange cinnamon scented playdough. They used cutters to make their own leaves.
- Leaf craft - Throughout the week the children have been decorating and cutting out leaves for our light up autumn tree.
- Pumpkin painting - Painting pumpkin pictures using orange/green paint, sponges and tissue paper.
- Pumpkin soup role play home corner - The children played in an autumn themed home corner. They used munchkin pumpkins, scales, bowls and spoons to pretend to make soup.

- Pumpkin soup tuff tray - The children scooped out the insides of pumpkins and then pretended to make soup. They played with ladles, jugs, bowls etc. We added water for the children to mix and transport.
- Autumn sensory tray exploration - The children played with autumn themed dry pasta, leaves, pumpkins, leaves and pinecones. They transported the pasta using different sized scoopers.
- Leaf painting - We read 'The leaf thief', talking about the signs of autumn and leaves. The children painted leaves and printed them onto paper.
- Autumn repeating patterns - The children copied repeating patterns photos using pinecones, conkers, leaves and logs.
- Conker rolling - The children played in conkers, rolling and pouring them in the tuff tray.

Phonics: Instrumental sounds

This term our phonics focus is instrumental sounds! We will be experimenting playing with a variety of instruments. We will practice playing the instruments loud, quiet, fast, slow etc.

Maths: Patterns

The children have been learning how to:

- Recognise patterns in their environment
- Create their own simple AB patterns using coloured bears and cubes.
- Continue a simple pattern using natural materials e.g. leaves, conkers, pinecones and pumpkins

Next week the topic will continue to be: **Pumpkins and Autumn**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **books from home about Autumn**.
- Send in any WOW moments for the children or photos of experiences to pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org.
- This half term we will be holding **parent meetings**. Your child's key worker will approach you next week to arrange a time/date.

