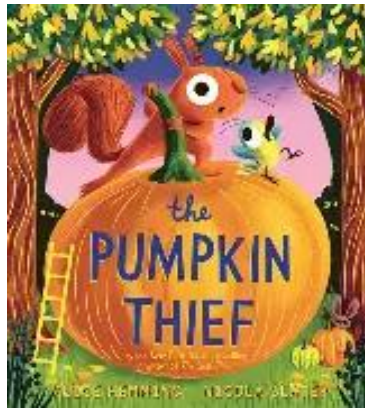
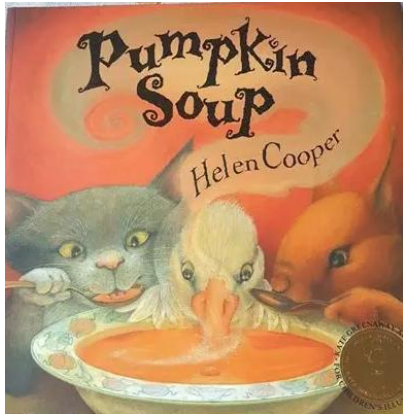




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Our topic this week is '**Pumpkins**'. This week the children have been exploring pumpkins! The children enjoyed scooping, cutting and investigating the inside of pumpkins. We talked about the different parts of a pumpkin and introduced new vocabulary such as **pumpkin, stem, seeds, pulp, scoop, carve and squash**.

Books we have read this week:

- The Pumpkin Thief
- Pumpkin Soup
- Room on The Broom

Activities/provision this week:

- **Pumpkin drawings** – The children made pumpkin drawings using green, yellow and orange oil pastels.
- **Autumn pumpkin collage** – The children made a collage using autumn stickers and collage paper. They used their own ideas and picked which craft resources they liked.
- **Pumpkin scooping** – The children loved scooping out the insides of the pumpkin and exploring the seeds inside. They used teaspoons to pick out the seeds.
- **Pumpkin soup** – This week we read the story 'Pumpkin Soup' and the children used real pumpkins to act out the story. We cut up the pumpkin into smaller pieces, and the children made 'pumpkin soup' on the tuff tray.

- **Pumpkin picking sensory tray** – We filled the tuff tray with orange salt and miniature pumpkins. The children used trowels to 'pick out' the pumpkins from the 'patch'.
- **Pumpkins and golf tees** – The children used small wooden hammers and golf tees to make holes in the pumpkins.
- **Pumpkin soup home corner** – This week we used real munchkin pumpkins in our home corner. The children pretended to make 'pumpkin soup' using the mixer and other autumn themed ingredients.
- **Pumpkin painting** – The children loved painting the pumpkins using paintbrushes and bright paint colours.

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: Counting to ten

The children have been learning to say number names in the correct sequence. Through songs, nursery rhymes and games, they practised counting forwards to 10 and backwards from 10 in the correct order.

They enjoyed joining in with counting activities, using their voices, fingers and actions to support their learning.

The children enjoyed watching these video's about counting to ten:

[Counting to 10 Forward and Backward | Jack Hartmann](#)

[Count to 10 with Our Friends | Counting Song for Kids | Count to 10 by 1's | Jack Hartmann](#)

Nursery rhymes:

This term we will be learning the nursery rhymes:

- Old MacDonald had a farm
- Twinkle Twinkle little star
- Baa, Baa, Black Sheep
- Dingle Dangle Scarecrow
- See the sleeping bunnies
- Hickory Dickory dock
- Wind the bobbin up
- If you're happy and you know it

- The wheels on the bus
- I'm a little tea pot
- Five little monkeys

Next week the topic will continue to be: **Autumn – Bonfire Night!**

Important information

- **We break up for half term on Friday 23rd October and return on Monday 2nd November.**
- Please can children bring in any books from home about **fireworks, bonfire night, stars nighttime etc.**
- **Jiggy Wrigglers Visit – Tuesday 10th November**

To celebrate National Nursery Rhyme week and to support work on developing communication and language skills we have booked Jiggy Wrigglers to lead sessions in Taw and Coddan classes on Tuesday 10th November, afternoon. Jiggy Wrigglers will provide a music, movement and sensory session including upbeat songs, musical instruments and props to support children's learning.

If your child does not currently attend on Tuesday afternoon, please could you fill out the form by Tuesday 3rd November whether or not you would be interested in attending the session (parents will need to stay with their child due to staff ratios). Once we have received all responses, we will set up a payment for this experience, which is likely to be approximately £2-3 per child depending on numbers.

- Send in any WOW moments for the children or photos of experiences to pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org.
- **School Open Afternoon Stay and Play – Thursday 19th November – 1.30pm-2.30pm**
We would like to invite you to our Open Afternoon and Stay and Play session. Throughout the afternoon there will be an opportunity to have a tour of our school and meet children, staff, parents, governors and PTFA members. Families are welcome to spend time playing and exploring in our Early Years Gardens and classrooms. Please see poster below.



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