

## Learning Journal 16.10.15

This week...we have been looking at the changing seasons as Autumn approaches. We collected lots of fallen leaves for our craft and we felt much colder playing outside. One day there was even some frost on the grass.



### Literacy and Phonics

This week we learnt u, f and b and we are trying hard to remember the difference between b and d. We are all writing in our play, making cards and gifts for people and sending messages.

Mathematics: We have been finding numbers which add up to 5. This was quite tricky for some children and we practised using our cuddly toys. We also learnt to write an addition down with a + and = sign. Everyone is getting really good at writing their numbers! The Early Years children have been counting out objects up to 5 and saying how many they have. Some of our younger children have joined reception for maths as they are so good at counting!



Help at Home.....have post its, writing paper, envelopes, notebooks and nice pens and pencils available all the time at home. Write your child notes and encourage them to write back. Get them to make a shopping list, while you do. Have fun with writing and make sure your child sees you writing too. Don't worry if you can't read what they wrote, they will be able to tell you what it says. Don't correct their writing yet....we want them to be really confident and their muscles and brains have a lot of growing and developing still to do, so just be delighted whenever they choose to write.

Other news.....we made a memory stick as we walked across to our woodland workshop this week. It helped us remember how we got there and how to get back. We used it back at school to make maps of our route and they were AMAZING! Next week we are going to use them to find our way back again. It was Daniel's birthday so we had birthday hot chocolate and sang to him. Then we made a huge stick pile to dry in the shed ready to cook on a fire!



The children took these photos of our journey across the fields to help them remember where to go. A child's view of the journey is very different to an adult one.



### Making our stick pile

Next Week.....We finish at 3pm as normal on Friday for our half term holiday of one week. Please consider hats and gloves for your children and name these if possible as they can be difficult to rehome if lost. Your child needs a warm coat with a hood every day now as we go outside in all weathers! On Thursdays please make sure your child has long trousers due to nettles and thistles!

