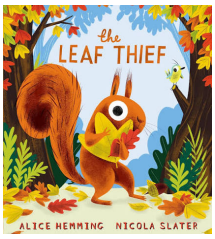
Family learning - w/c 28th September 2026

Another wonderful week in Ducklings where the children have been learning about all things autumnal.



In the mornings we have been reading the book The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming. This is a lovely story about a squirrel who believes someone is stealing his leaves but in reality the seasons are changing and it is becoming autumn. We've had lots of conversations about what seasons we have throughout the year and how we can see those seasons changing specifically in autumn. For our jobs we've been making homes for the squirrel, finding the missing leaves for our wonderful puppet Sammy Squirrel whose leaves kept going missing and coming back. This gave children the opportunity to count, to notice what was missing, we used words such as more or less, bigger and smaller. We then made leaf friends out of all of the autumn treasures we had found in our previous family learning. The children had to think about how many eyes their friend needed, did they have wings or legs, how many should they have? Will their body be round or long? All of these questions enrich our children's vocabulary and encourage their imagination. We finished the week off with a lovely PE session where we made an exciting visit to the hall. It's lovely seeing how excited the children get moving around to different spaces within the school.



In the afternoons , we have been mark making and using different materials to be creative, talking about colour to link in with our story, we have also enjoyed PE outside encouraging our listening skills, by playing the traffic light game and jelly bean game. Thursdays are our weekly visit to the library which we thoroughly enjoy,we hope you enjoy sharing the book at home.

For home learning this week we would love your child to make a nature picture. They could create a frame using twigs and using natural resources such as leaves and conkers to create a picture. This might be a portrait of themselves or you, or they might want to create their own 'leaf friend'. Ask your child lots of questions to encourage them to stretch their imagination.






We hope you have a lovely weekend.
The Ducklings team