

# Cornbank Primary School

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Hope you all had a lovely break, we loved seeing all the photos on Twitter of all the lovely autumnal activities you have been doing. We especially liked keeping up to date with the pumpkin in the woods.

## Our Learning

Cohort One have been learning lots about autumn. They have learned a new autumn song and enjoyed exploring pumpkins in many ways including imaginative play in the house corner and dough table, fine motor development using golf tees, a pumpkin and elastic bands. We even explored and experimented with the inside of a pumpkin in the mud kitchen. The children have also had lots of home learning links too, lovely to have so many of you engaging on twitter with autumn walks, photo shoots and trips out. One learner even brought in some Halloween biscuits for us to enjoy and many of you kept an eye on the pumpkin we put out in the woods over the holidays to explore wildlife and hibernation in more detail after an interest in hedgehogs was apparent. Cohort one have also been exploring their favourite story the Gruffalo and learning to take ownership of their own learning by being responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Cohort Two have been exploring autumn while developing their fine motor skills, they have been weaving round twigs, doing autumn cutting sheets and mark making, they built an autumn den outside in the gazebo, and have enjoyed bringing back autumn resources from their walks, One learner brought in some plums from her plum trees which led to a discussion about harvest. Cohort two have also been learning about countries all around the world, they have had lots of home links related to this topic too which has been fantastic. The children have enjoyed exploring flags, food, currencies, and traditions. We have had a few children teaching us some Spanish and we also learned some Welsh words. This interest was all led by the children recalling what they know already which then sparked an interest in learning more.

# Tissues

We kindly ask that all families donate one box of tissues per term.

Communication with you is important to us! We are delighted with the engagement from you all on twitter, we feel it is really helping to keep relationships with you all, developing home-links to learning and also working in partnership with you supports children's learning and development. If you haven't already please request to follow us @cornbanknursery.

#### Hot meals

We are delighted to now be serving hot meals at lunch time, especially now the colder weather is here.

## Comments & Feedback

Please remember we always welcome comments on what we do well and any areas for improvement. These can be twitter messaged or emailed to the school cornbank\_PS@midlothian.gov.uk