# Next Steps @ St Johns

*Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring*

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## This week at Nursery . . .

This week, the children have been busy exploring a range of exciting autumn-themed activities. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity grow as they investigated the world around them, and shared their discoveries with others.



The children absolutely loved the opportunity to explore part of our woodland area, where we searched for fallen leaves, talked about the changing colours and noticed the different things happening in our natural environment. We encouraged the children to use their senses as they developed their understanding of the world around them. It was lovely to see their excitement as they discovered different leaves, colours and natural treasures!

Back at nursery, we brought some of our autumn discoveries indoors and used the leaves we had collected to explore painting and leaf printing. This activity encouraged creativity and helped the children to notice the details found in nature.

Our learning this week has also included creating patterns using a variety of materials. This has supported the development of fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and concentration as the children carefully selected, positioned and arranged their resources.

## STAR OF THE WEEK



**Awarded for amazing maths and great counting.**

**Well done!**














## Forest School:

We are pleased to share that we will begin Forest School sessions from next term. These will run on a Monday during term 2.

If your child attends nursery on a Monday, from 2nd November, please provide them with waterproofs, wellies and other appropriate clothing for the outdoors.

Please label all items with your child's name and do not send in items which are unsuitable for a muddy environment. It is also really helpful to have spare clothing in bags, particularly socks which often become wet.







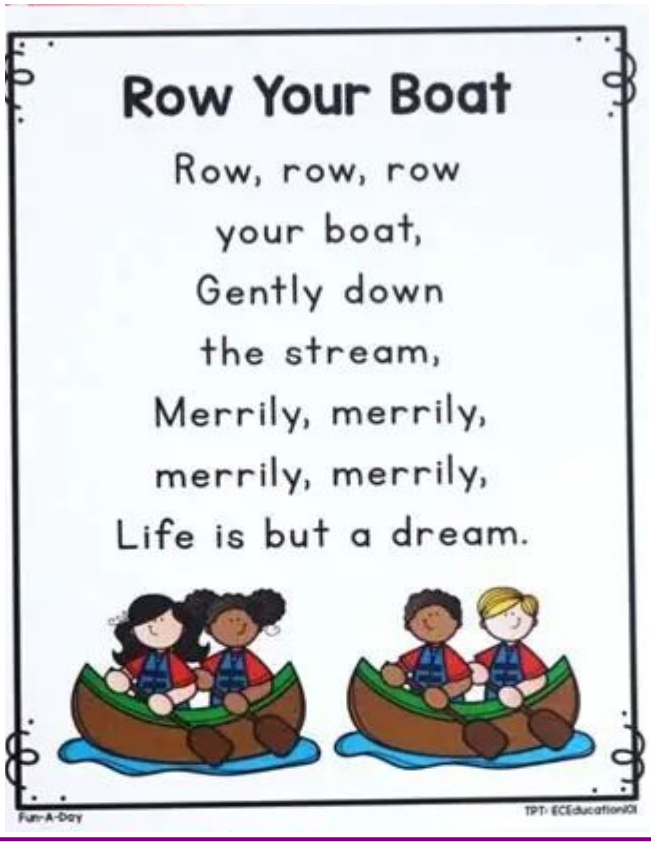






## Nursery Rhyme of the Week

Row, Row, Row the Boat







## Dates for the Diary

Thursday 22nd October:
The Nursery will be closed for staff training.

Friday 23rd October - Friday 30th October: The school kitchen will be closed for INSET days and half-term. Please provide children with a packed lunch.

Wednesday 23rd December - Friday 1st January: The Nursery will be closed for the festive period and will re-open on 4th January.