**OCTOBER THEME**

**October 2020**

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This month, we will be focusing on Autumn and the seasonal changes that occur at this time of year. We will be looking at Autumnal objects, leaves, chestnuts, pine cones etc and using these within our play and learning!

Due to the current situation we will still be continuing to focus on the children’s wellbeing program throughout October, discussing emotions, feelings etc.

**SNACK FEE**

The snack fee for October will be £20. We would ask that this is paid on the first Monday of the month. This money is not just for snack, it is used to pay for other items eg cookery, Easter and Christmas.

**HALF TERM HOLIDAYS**

The half term holidays are Thursday 29th and Friday 30th October inclusive. Pupils return back on Monday 2nd November.

**NAMING CLOTHING**

All children’s clothing including coats should be **clearly** named in order to avoid confusion. Each child should bring a change of clothes that can be left in playgroup in a bag with their name on it. All children should bring a warm coat to Playgroup as we will be outside for half an hour each day.

**SESSION TIMES**

From Thursday 1st of October, children will begin playgroup at 9.15am and finish at 11.45am Monday to Friday. Could we ask that you leave your child up to the playgroup door ensuring you wear your mask.

**AGM**

We are currently preparing for our annual AGM and encourage as many of our parents to join. At the moment this looks as if it will be done through zoom meetings. If you would be interested in joining the parents committee please let us know and we will add you to the list.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAY**

Cara Calvert 11th October

Maisie Hamill 18th October

**SICKNESS/ABSENCES**

For your attention could you please refer to the posters/leaflets that have been sent on seesaw for information on what to do in the event of symptoms related to Covid-19.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

At the moment we are unsure of how the settling in interviews will take place with the current situation. Parents will be notified in due course.

**Newsletters are available in the Playgroup section on the school website**

[**www.maineips.com**](http://www.maineips.com)

Songs for October

**Falling Leaves**

All the leaves are falling down,

Orange, yellow, red and brown

Falling softly as they do,

Over me and over you

All the leaves are falling down.

Orange, yellow, red and brown

**Nut Tree**

Small, brown, hard, round,

The nut is lying underground.

Now a shoot begins to show.

Now the shoot begins to grow.

Tall, taller, tall as can be

The shoot is growing into a tree.

And branches grow and stretch and spread

With twigs and leaves above your head

And on a windy autumn day

The nut tree bends, the branches sway,

The leaves fly off and whirl around,

And nuts go tumbling to the ground:

Small, brown, hard, round.

**Little Owl**

Little Owl, in the tree,

He is winking down at me.

With a wink, wink, wink, wink

All through the night,

Little Owl is quite a sight!

Little Owl, in the tree,

He is hooting down at me.

With a hoot, hoot, hoot, hoot,

All through the night,

Little Owl is quite a sight!

By Nick Sharratt

**Pitter-Patter**

Pitter-patter falls the rain,

On the roof and windowpane

Softly , softly it comes down,

Pitter-patter all around.