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Autumn Colours, Pumpkins and
a Little Bit of Witchy Magic! 🎃🍂🧙‍♀️





We started the morning continuing with our underwater fish tank display, adding some tissue paper and a sprinkling of glitter. A, M, M, J all got stuck in with the gluing and M and A loved adding a little extra sparkle with the glitter
The rest of the day was full of autumn colours, pumpkins, leaves and a little bit of Halloween fun!

I took a lovely big pumpkin outside to look at and draw. Using black pastels, the children got busy creating their own pumpkins, and we chatted about the different shapes and the funny or scary faces we could give them for Halloween! A, A, P, M, A and M all enjoyed this



I also brought out a collection of beautiful autumn leaves in all sorts of colours. We spent some time looking at their shapes and patterns before using them to make leaf rubbings. It's always lovely to see the patterns magically appear on the paper, we also copied them, drew round them and drew on them! Later, we introduced some watercolour paints, giving the



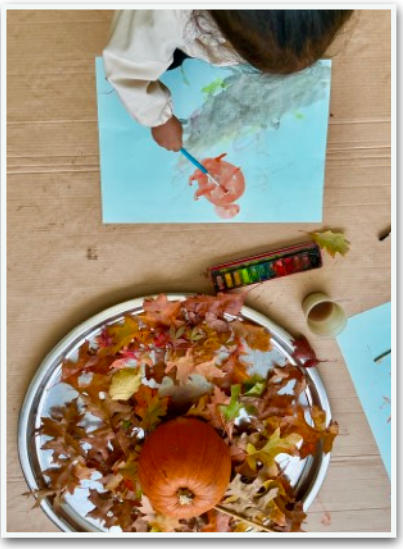
















children the chance to add colour to their drawings and explore the autumn theme in their own way.

A created a gorgeous little painting inspired by the leaves and pumpkin. When I asked her about it, she proudly told me, “I’ve painted autumn!”
M, meanwhile, had other ideas, he drew a fantastic aeroplane, which had absolutely nothing to do with pumpkins, but was a wonderful drawing all the same! He then went on to create a painting, and when I asked him what it was, he explained, “It’s a painting of a shop, and it’s going to sell sweeties and planes!” What a brilliant combination!

Back indoors, we continued working on our autumn leaf collage. The children enjoyed choosing leaves and sticking them onto the large board they had painted previously, gradually building up a lovely colourful autumn display. I had a lovely conversation with P about the changing seasons. We looked out of the window at the trees and talked about how the leaves were changing colour and beginning to fall. P was fascinated by what was happening outside, exclaiming, “I didn’t know they were doing that!” She then picked up a small twig with leaves and said “look how these are stacked together” she added, “It’s like they’re dancing on the tree!” Such a lovely way of describing it!



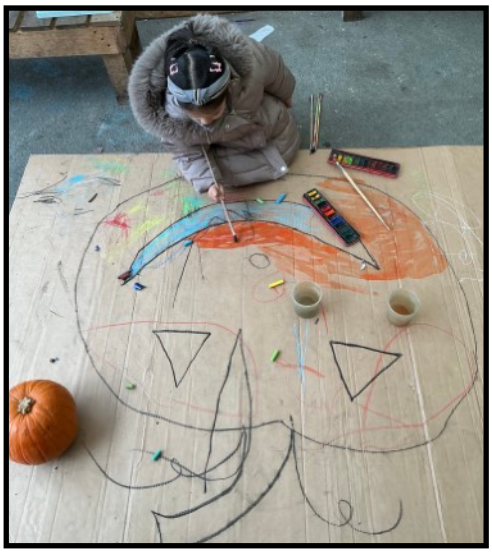





Outside, we all worked together on a big pumpkin that we sketched on a large sheet of card using pastels, crayons, and watercolours. L, J, L, A, K, A, and E all joined in, L spent ages carefully painting, she was really focused. I asked A and A if they wanted to come and paint the pumpkin and they said yes, but they came and painted the actual pumpkin, which I quite liked, funny how literally children take things! L told me she was going to dress up as a Scary Monster for Halloween, A said he’d be Batman and A Spider-Man, which set off lots of excited chatter about Halloween costumes. We know that not all families celebrate Halloween, so we kept things lighthearted and playful, with lots of opportunities for everyone to enjoy the







creative activities. At the end of the day, I transformed from Rachel into a rather mischievous witch! The children gathered around, all eager to hold my broomstick, before I headed outside and was chased around the bike track by a very excited crowd. We finished by making our best spooky hands together, and then, as if by magic, the witch vanished and Rachel reappeared!



Wishing all our children, families and staff a very happy half-term holiday! 🍁🎃✨

