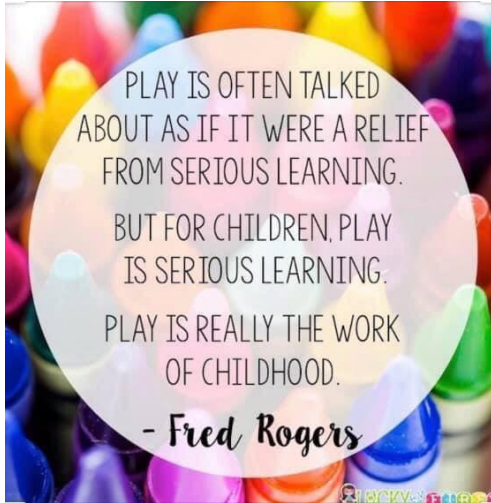


This week at playgroup



Dear Parents and Carers

How quick has the first half term gone?

We have been very busy at playgroup this half term. We have had lots of new children join us which has meant many settling in and getting use to the new routine, new rules and making lots of new friends. We have talked a lot about sharing and during circle time most of us now sit together and read a story or sing our songs.

We have a new routine of finding our photo card in the morning and putting it up next to our bags, this is helping all the children to recognise their own name.

We explored the topic of Autumn and we went on lots of walks and explored the colours, the leaves falling, noticed the blackberries growing, the nuts eaten by the squirrels and the children did some apple printing, and leaf art (all of which you can see on display)

We have also been teaching the children the primary colours (blue, red, green, yellow) the children have done some colour sorting, played games using the colours and made different colour play dough.

We did a lot of mathematical games, puzzles, colour sorting, threading, counting, construction, shapes and bingo to develop our numbers this half term too and we have been impressed with the children's counting.

We are very physical at playgroup and we work every day on the children's physical development. The children have enjoyed lots of dancing, playing musical chairs, freeze game and what's the time Mr wolf? The children have also enjoyed running, climbing, playing with balance boards, kicking balls, controlling our grasp and throw.

Lots of the children have been using little scissors, manipulating play dough, using tweezers and other hand-muscles-building activities, which all help to develop their little hands to write when they start school.

This week we have been exploring all things Halloween, with activities with pumpkins and lots of painting of spiders and pumpkins.

Forest school is back with Melanie and Forest Tribe Friends the children learned the rules of being outside (1- No lick, no pick 2- be careful with your stick 3- stop signs we can't go there...) we increased our exploring area every week. We are learning how to use tools (vegetable peelers, hammers, fire starters), how to compare trees according to "clues " (leave shapes, husks or nuts, bark colour...) and how to explore safely. The children are becoming more confident in the woods every week.

You can check out our Facebook page daily to see what the children have been up to. <https://www.facebook.com/csgplaygroup/>

Our first half term in pictures



A message from Marie

Dear parents,

I cannot believe this is already my last week with you!

I wanted to thank you all again for my time at Playgroup. Leaving this wonderful place is really bittersweet as I'm looking forward to focussing on my own personal projects but I will miss you all very much.

The playgroup is such a special place and it has been an absolute pleasure being a part of the team and getting to know you, the parents, and most of all the children so well.

You can be sure I will come and visit!!

Lots of Love

Marie

A reminder to please contact playgroup using the following number only **07960278409**

Email contact csg_playgroup@btinternet.com

Website <https://csgplaygroup.co.uk/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/csgplaygroup/>

We still have spaces for Forest School EVERY THURSDAY 1-3 from September. £17 and £8.50 if you wish to use your funded hours.

A Halloween-themed poster for Forest School. The background is a repeating pattern of pumpkins, skulls, black cats, and ghosts. In the top left corner, there is a small image of a hedgehog and a sign that says 'FOREST TRIBE FRIENDS'. The main text in the center reads 'Halloween Forest School Thursday 31st October 9am till 1pm'. Below this, there are two orange callout boxes: one on the left says '£30 per child limited places' and one on the right says '4hrs of outside spooky fun'. At the bottom, an orange box contains contact information: 'Call Melanie 07803340096', 'Email Foresttribefriends@btinternet.com', 'Find me on Facebook @foresttribefriends & www.foresttribefriends.co.uk'.

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Important Dates and Upcoming Events

Back to school - 4th November

AGM –Thursday 14th November

Sponsored Slide – date TBC

Xmas Show – date TBC

End of Term – Thursday 19th December