



Our First Half Term at School!
St Oswald's Reception Autumn 2021
What We Have Been Learning

We have started our journey as part of the St Oswald's family. To help represent this, we have all put our own pebble in the special bowl.





Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We have been learning the routines of school and getting to know each other. We have been thinking about the rules we need and how we can help our friends. We have thought about the value of respect and how we can respect and encourage one another and play cooperatively together.



Physical Development

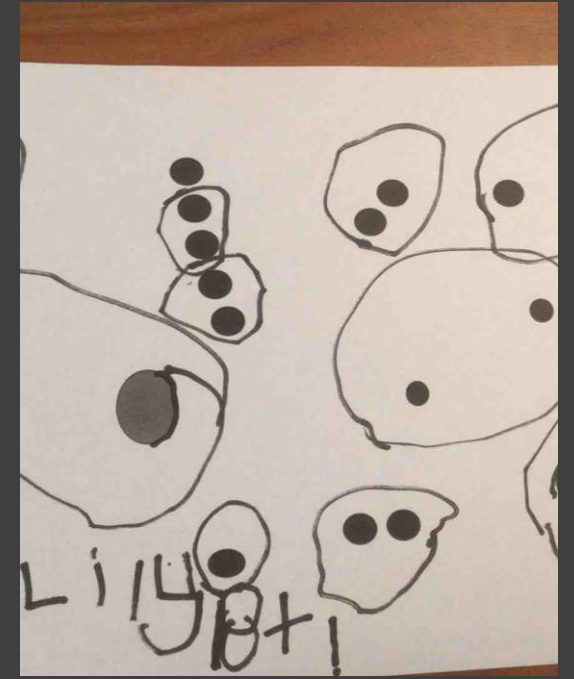
We are developing our gross motor skills by playing with equipment such as hoops, climbing frame, bucket stilts, bats and balls. We have also started our PE lessons every week with Mrs Elsegood, learning to get dressed and look after our belongings. We enjoy lots of outdoor play, including going to the wild area where we love climbing trees!

We are practicing our fine motor skills by using small equipment and tools such as knives to make vegetable soup (real and pretend!) and play dough equipment, pens, paintbrushes, jigsaws and many more



Communication and Language

We have been listening to and learning stories, such as We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We are developing our communication skills by working and playing together, chatting about what we are doing. We love to look at books in our book corner. We are getting really good at following instructions.

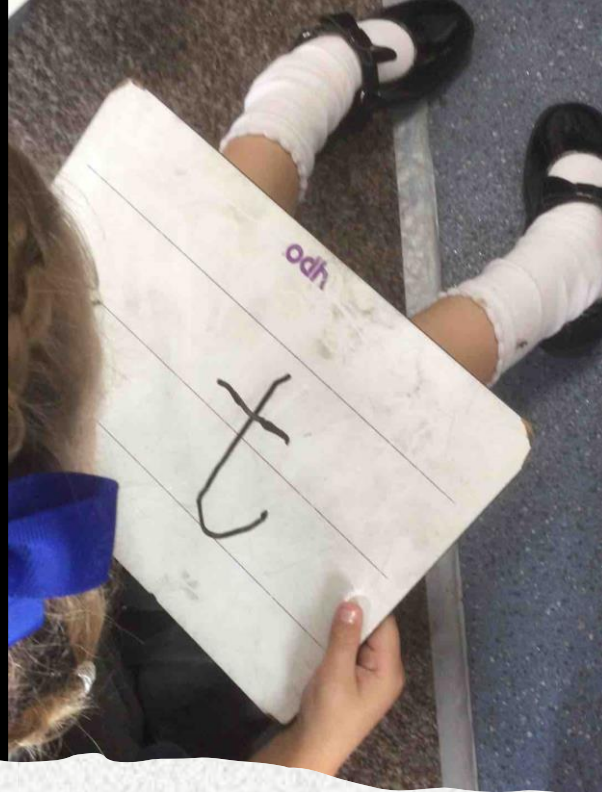
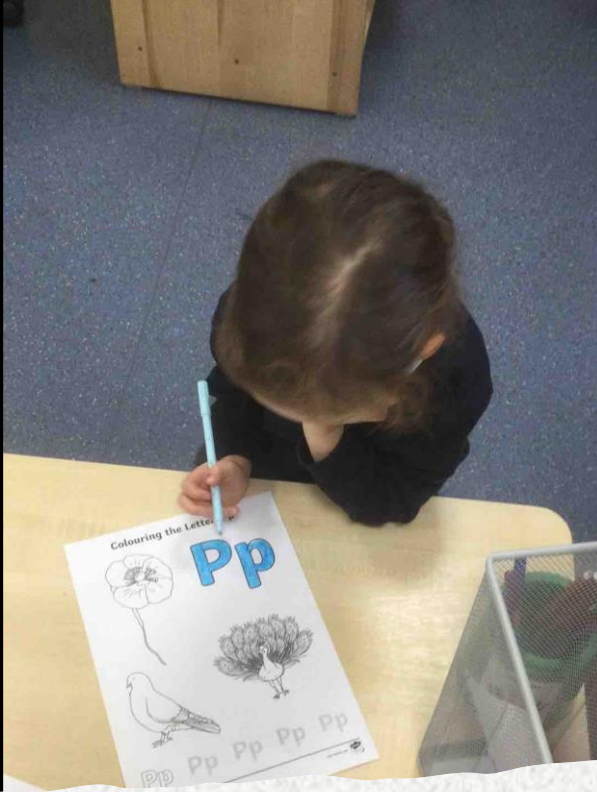


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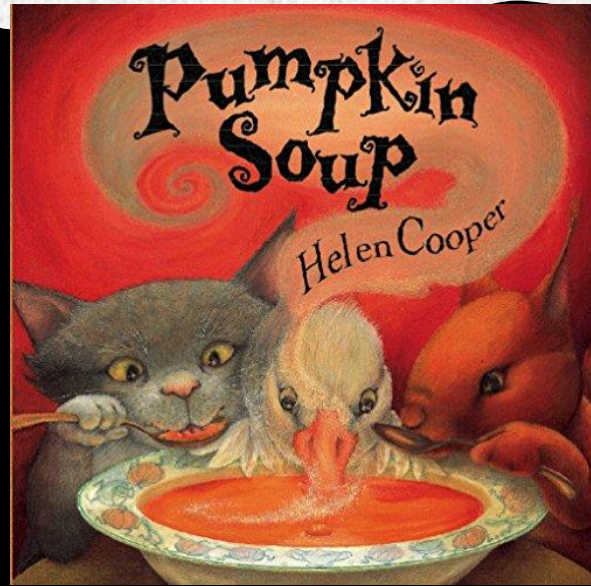
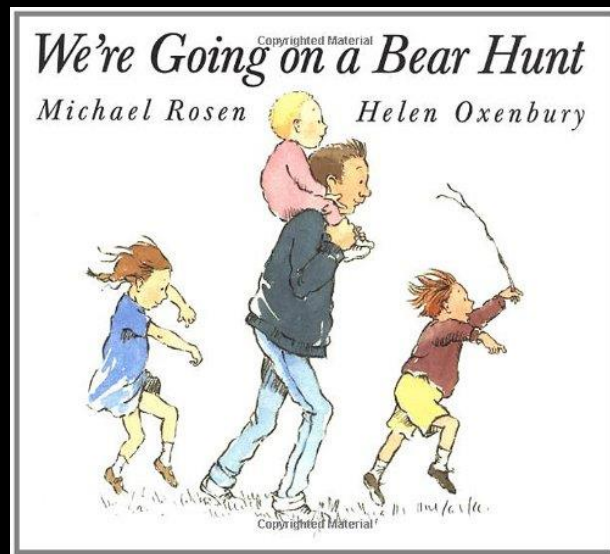
We have begun exploring numbers in depth, looking at numbers one and two in detail. We have practised recognising and representing numbers in lots of different ways. We count lots of things in our play – eight legs for a spider, how many skittles we knocked down, for example. We have investigated shapes with one and two sides and we have also made repeating patterns in our paint area.





Literacy

We have explored two books in depth – Bear Hunt and Pumpkin Soup. We performed Bear Hunt for Poetry day and we enjoyed lots of art and other activities related to the books. We made story maps, made up our own versions of the stories and made and tasted our own soup! We are learning to read and write our first letter sounds in our daily phonics lesson.





Expressive Arts and Design

We explore our imagination in our role play games and in our creative areas. We are learning to use different tools and materials to explore what we can make. We act out stories in our home corner and in our building areas and with small world resources and puppets.



Understandin g the World

We love to use our senses to explore the world around us. We talk about what we observe and how it changes. We have been looking closely at seasonal changes to the trees and plants in our Wild Area, including an autumn scavenger hunt and observational drawings of autumn leaves.