

# October NEWS



Bambinos Day Nursery & Pre-School

# Plymstock



## Dates for your diary

### Holidays and Closures:

- **Monday 28th - Friday 1st November Half Term** No funding will be available for children in receipt of 15/30 hours funding.

### Other:

- **Thursday 31st -Halloween Fancy dress**

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We've had a fabulous start to the new term and are thrilled to welcome new families joining us in the coming weeks. We look forward to helping you settle in and begin your journey with us. It has been a pleasure supporting children as they transition to their new rooms, and we're incredibly proud of how well they're adapting. The start of the term has been busy with plenty of exciting, seasonal activities that have sparked great interest among the children.

We're also excited to share that Jess from Kidslingo has returned to teach Spanish in our studio room. The children eagerly anticipate these weekly sessions, and it's wonderful to see them so engaged and thriving as they learn.

This month, we had a magical visit from Mildred Tumbleweed, taking the children on a fantastic adventure. They had a great time solving clues, making potions, casting spells, and creating unforgettable memories.

We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Bron and Lily

## Colleague Spotlight

Jess is a fantastic support to her team, always willing to lend a hand with a positive attitude. She's known for her warm smile and welcoming presence, making her a joy to work with every day.



## Recent Training

Molly Bamford has worked hard to complete her Baby massage Diploma, which she is excited to implement in the baby unit.





**The Nest and Nook**

We've been having a fantastic time in the baby unit lately, celebrating the change of seasons with a variety of autumn-themed crafts. The children have enjoyed creating artwork using their hands and feet to make colourful marks with paint. We've also explored our Autumn-themed tuff trays, filled with vibrant leaves, pinecones, and pumpkins.

The children have had a wonderful time using their fine motor skills to decorate pumpkins with colourful tissue paper. As we move further into the season, we're excited to start Halloween crafts and continue exploring natural materials together. It's been a creative and engaging time for all!

**Continue at home**

Carve out a pumpkin and let the children explore the insides with their hands. This messy play will stimulate their sense of touch and introduce them to new textures and smells.

**The Atelier**

This month, we'll be diving into the enchanting story Room on the Broom, with a range of exciting activities inspired by the book. The children will get creative designing their own hats and broomsticks, as well as participating in activities like potion-making, pumpkin carving and a Halloween fancy dress day. These activities will support the children's love for playing and exploring, sparking their imaginations as we celebrate the season together. We'll also explore elements of the story that promote team work and kindness, just as the characters in the book do. We'll discuss friendship and helping one another, encouraging the children to share their thoughts and feelings.

**Continue at home**

Set up a potion making station with items like colourful water, foam letters and pretend spiders or bats. Provide small plastic bowls and spoons, allowing children to mix ingredients and create their own imaginative "potions." You could even do this at bedtime!

**The Studio**

In the Studio, we've had a fantastic time exploring a variety of creative activities! The children thoroughly enjoyed making apple crumble with freshly picked apples, which not only provided a delicious treat but also introduced mathematical language, as well as measuring, fine motor skills and an introduction to baking!

Our creative adventures continued as we used blackberries to make our own paint, allowing the children to experiment with natural materials and explore colour mixing.

We also had a blast preparing for Pirate Day, where the children crafted their own treasure maps using tea bags and water. This activity was a wonderful way to stimulate their imagination and excitement about pirates and adventures.

**Continue at home**

Provide various materials such as cardboard boxes, fabric, and craft supplies for children to build their own pirate ships. This activity will encourage teamwork, problem solving, and imaginative play.



## APPLE AND PARSNIP SOUP

### Ingredients

1 tbsp butter  
75ml whole milk  
300g apples, peeled and cubed  
1 clove garlic, finely diced  
1 large onion, chopped  
300g parsnips, chopped into 2cm pieces  
500ml salt free vegetable stock  
Ground pepper

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### Instructions

1. Melt the butter in a large saucepan, over a medium heat.
2. Gently fry the parsnips and onion for 15 minutes until the onions are softened.
3. Add the garlic and apples, and cook for a further 2 minutes, stirring frequently.
4. Pour over the stock and bring to the boil, then reduce to a simmer.
5. Simmer for about 20 minutes, until the parsnips are very soft.
6. Remove from the heat and add the milk, then blend in a food processor (or with a stick blender) until smooth.
7. Season with black pepper to taste.

## BOOKS TO READ IN OCTOBER

Here are some delightful books that are perfect for sharing in October.

We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger

Room on The Broom by Julia Donaldson

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Guess How Much I Love You in the Autumn by Sam McBratney