

### Zen House NEWSLETTER

**Nov-Dec** 

# Covid19 update

We are continuing to work in bubbles and have introduced the use of face masks at close contact care times such as nappy and mealtimes. This is to protect both staff and children from transmitting the virus to one another. All parents must also now wear masks at drop off and collection unless exempt. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Due to current Covid19 restrictions our usual staff training day which is held on the first weekday of the year (Monday 4th January 2021) has been postponed to Monday 5th July 2021. Therefore, on Monday 4th January 2021 we will be operating as normal.



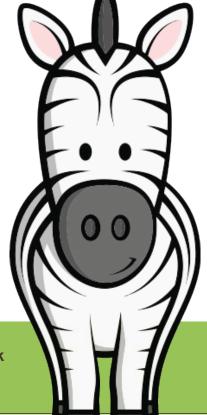
#### Lambs

Lambs have enjoyed exploring their senses each week they have focused on a different sense. They have loved exploring tuff trays, baking and tasting different things. They have also been exploring their senses outside using the autumn leaves. Lambs have also loved experimenting with different foods and how they feel and taste. Safe to say this was a messy one.

### **Farmers**

Farmers have really enjoyed Autumn exploring the colours, textures and items found on walks. The children had been conker picking at home so we decided to make a conker number line to promote their Maths skills. We have also loved experimenting with temperatures with the weather changing so frequently the farmers have enjoyed lots of activities such as ice melting and temperature gaging outdoors seeing how the ground feels on our bare feet at different times in the day.





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#### Whole setting

There is a buzz in the air about Halloween in the setting. Halloween has been in full swing. Zac the Zebra found a witch while exploring the forest, she has been leaving the farmers different spells, one of which grew some pumpkins. We loved finding them and cutting them to make lanterns. The witch also left her broom stick along with instructions on how to fly it. We have also enjoyed making a spiced pumpkin cake for after tea - yummy yummy!

As this year children can't go trick or treating, we have been having fun doing it at nursery, the witch has decorated the house outside and left us lots of little teats to take home.



We have also loved the colour monster book we have been looking at recognising colours and the older children have been linking the colours to their feelings. We have enhanced our calm down area with emotion bottles and colour stones.

## Dates for diary

#### **2ND NOVEMBER**

Be a guide. We will literally be relying on our friends to guide us through an obstacle course

£2 for the RSPCA. 4TH DECEMBER

PJ and Christmas film day - £1 RSPCA.

**18TH DECEMBER** 

Christmas party day

21-24 DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper week

Thank you to all parents for their continued support during this very unusual and testing year. Your support is truly appreciated and we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and we wish you all the best for 2021.

#### **TERM DATES**

**18TH DECEMBER** 

Term time children finish for Christmas

24TH DECEMBER

Closing at 1pm Re opening 4/1/2021

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