



We've had a spooky week in Nursery, giant spiders and a witch's kitchen, the children have been making potions with lots of disgusting ingredients, they have also been trying to turn our special visitor Mrs Hall into a frog!



The most popular tricky challenge this week has been the pumpkins. The children have been hammering nails into them and using the pliers to pull them out! A lovely messy challenge that they have thoroughly enjoyed and which is very easy to do at home, you can also substitute the nails for golf tees if you prefer!

This week we looked at the letter /s/ and learned about the sound that it makes. It's a long stretchy sound 'sssssss'. We have been encouraging the children to hiss like slithery snakes to make the sound and discouraging them from adding on an /uh/ to the end. We have been thinking of words that start with /s/ – spider, spooky, spell, smell, sweeties, sun and slow. Then we had a look at how to form the letter:



Slither down the snake

This week we have been learning about the number 4 and how to form it:



Down and across, stop, then down some more that's the way to make a four.

Outdoors the children have been filling bottles with things that they have found around the nursery garden to make their own instruments; leaves, sticks and stones. They have also been working together to build camp fires and using logs and planks of wood to create their own balancing scales, problem solving how to get them to balance using stones, and delighting in the fact that they have made a see saw! Their next tricky challenge - How many stones would it take to balance Miss mc Ginty!

Please find attached our number and phonics sheets for your child if they would like to do them.

Please email any photos for learning journals to: [catherine.mcginity@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:catherine.mcginity@ntlp.org.uk) many thanks

We hope you have a great half term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.  
The Nursery Team

















