Monday 25th September

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are starting our new Aistear topic next week. The children will be learning all about Autumn, the fire station (for fire safety week) followed by Halloween fun towards the end of the month. For those of you who are not familiar with Aistear, it is a fantastic new way of integrating play with your child’s learning. For Aistear to work it’s magic we need to add lots of topical resources into their play. Unfortunately we have little or no budget to for this. So I am asking for your support in helping your child gather some **old or second-hand** toys and resources from the list below. When learning about the seasons, there is also plenty of opportunities to collect natural resource on your walks for free!

**NB – Please do not buy anything or feel pressure to provide resources. Only if they are available to you! A simple leaf will be just as valuable ☺**

What we need for this month:

* Clean **leaves of various colours, acorns, conkers, conker** husks etc.
* **Pumpkins** of any size or colour would be fantastic!
* Any **old toys** that would fit the topics mentioned above, especially fire station and Halloween toys.
* Any old **dress-up clothes** are always a massive hit with the children
* **Recyclables** - Part of the play will be ‘Junk Art’. This is an opportunity for them to create art from recycled packages (and lots of tape and glue!) I would be most grateful if you would occasionally bring in some **clean** recycled boxes/packages (yogurt cartons/toilet roll/plastic vegetable cartons etc., stuff that you put in the green bin). It is nice to have plenty so they have the freedom to build what the want. I’m sure you will be delighted when they bring home their creations!
* If your child would like to **bring in a toy** to share, that would be great. But please, nothing too special and make sure they understand that they will be expected to share it with their friends, as is the nature of Aistear.

Kind Regards,

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Class Teacher