

Halloween@ Little Stars

What we learned today...



Some fun facts.

- Did you know?
- Halloween wasn't very popular in America until people started to move there from other countries especially Irish people during the famine.
- Pranks and scaring people were very popular at one time until people began to celebrate Halloween with parties and family get-togethers.
- Halloween eventually became more about fun and games instead of superstition and religious beliefs.
- Halloween traditions: in the past, on Halloween, people thought that they would encounter ghosts if they left their homes. To disguise themselves people wore masks so the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits.
- In Belgium people believe that it is unlucky for a black cat to cross your path or enter your home. On Halloween night, people in Belgium light candles in memory of dead relatives.
- In China Halloween is known as Teng Chieh. They celebrate by putting food and water in front of photographs of family members who are departed. They also light bonfires and lanterns in order to light the paths of spirits as they travel the earth on Halloween night.
- Halloween in Mexico is known as El Dia de Los Muertos. This means the day of the dead. It is a three day celebration beginning on October 31st. It is a celebration which honours the dead who are believed to return to their homes on Halloween. The people make an altar in their homes and decorate it with candy, flowers, photos and the deceased's favourite foods and drinks.
- In Sweden Halloween is known as Alla Helgons Dag. It is celebrated from October 31st to November 6th. In Sweden the people light lanterns beside their loved ones graves.
- In Hong Kong Halloween is known as Yue Lan. This means the festival of the hungry ghosts. It is believed that spirits roam the world for 24 hours.
- Learning outcomes:
- 3.2 Children are connected to others in a positive and happy way. They effectively engage in activities that require fine motor skills.
- 4.1 children are curious and imaginative about their environment. They imagine and express their creativity. They participate in a variety of activities to expand their curiosity.