

West Jesmond Family Dippy School Homework – November Challenge!



“It seems to be getting dark earlier in the day, it’s colder and the leaves are falling off the trees. What is going on?”

Investigate Autumn Leaves

- How many different colours of leaves can you find? Are the leaves from the same tree all the same colour?
- Are all the trees losing their leaves at the same time?
- Nature Detectives have a fantastic information sheet about why leaves change colour:
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/2017/09/why-leaves-change-colour-factsheet/> and have an autumn leaf spotter sheet:
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/2017/10/autumn-leaf-identification/>
- What can you see in the tree branches when the leaves have fallen? Look out for things like birds’ nests that you can’t spot in summer.

Seed Dispersal

- research how different seeds are dispersed. The Field Studies Council have some great activities at https://www.field-studies-council.org/breathingplaces/food_for_us.htm (scroll down the page—it doesn’t immediately look like you have reached the right place!)
- cut up fruit to find the seeds - then plant some. You could eat the fruit to check how delicious they are for the animals who will then spread the seeds

As a family go out and investigate one, some or all of these things. It’s up to you how you want to record this: pictures, photos, send comments to our Facebook and Twitter threads or come in to talk about it in class. Please complete by Mon 26th November.