

Autumn Term

Theme: Exploring Autumn

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Family nature walks.
- Autumnal discussions - Seasonal changes.
- Autumn matching games, encouraging turn taking, group discussions.

Communication & Language Development

- Autumnal discussions - Seasonal changes
- Learning the “Leaves are falling” rhyme
- Woodland walks - widening language of autumnal words
- Sensory tray using natural autumnal resources - opportunities to talk about senses, what they may have observed, seasonal changes, like, dislikes etc

Physical Development

- Autumnal walks through the maze, experimenting with moving in different ways - running, jumping & stomping through the leaves
- Mark making with sticks in the mud, sand, flour, or rice.
- Using senses to explore outside.
- Sensory tray filled with natural autumnal resources, adding some scoops & pots for filling, and emptying.
- Cinnamon play dough with using natural items
- Parachute filled with leaves, enjoying watching the fly & fall.

Mathematics

- Autumn leaves size, shape, and colour sorting
- Halloween potions - water fun exploring colour mixing, capacity, using mathematical language of ‘more’ or ‘less’
- Conker counting, 1 to 5 / 1 to 10
- Numeral to quantity using natural resources

Literacy

- Letter formations using sticks in sand, soil, flour, or rice
- Learn the “Leaves are falling” rhyme
- Listening to stories with increasing attention

Understanding the World

- Enjoying windy days, experience the leaves blowing in the wind
- Autumnal nature walk
- Collect autumn leaves, conkers, pinecones, acorns etc
- Learn the “Leaves are falling” rhyme

Expressive Arts & Design

- Autumn leaf printing
- Halloween lotions & potions, colour mixing, adding cinnamon and ginger
- Autumnal small world trays, using animals, dinosaurs, fairy gardens and natural autumnal resources
- Create a farmers market selling vegetables, including a pumpkin patch