

## Medium Term Planning 'Autumn Time'

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Using books about autumn to find out about what happens during the season and the animals in the world during autumn. Look at the autumn festivals and harvest.

Books: Autumn Snow, The Busy Little Squirrel, We're going on a leaf hunt, It's Harvest time, Squirrels Autumn Search, Let it fall, The very helpful hedgehog, Why do leaves change colour? Autumn, Autumn is here, Percy the Park Keeper stories

<p>food/harvest</p> <p>Join in harvest celebrations with the rest of the school. Think about who we say thank you to and why. Ensure all children use manners at snack time etc. Find out about bonfire night and how to keep safe. Find out about different festivals that take place in the autumn and talk about which faiths celebrate which festivals and how the people of these faiths worship. Work as part of a team when playing games or doing activities from <a href="http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/autumn">www.naturedetectives.org.uk/autumn</a> or other group planned activities.</p> <p>Also see separate Entrust PSED programme and RE planning.</p>	<p><b>Communication and language</b></p> <p>Introduce the children to the books and each week read the book together, allowing the children to take the lead where able to with known words, sentences, final words and repeated words. Talk about aspects of the book, the story sequence'</p> <p>Each week 'Let's go to Language Land' where children listen, follow instructions and talk about what they have done.</p> <p>Rhyming games.</p> <p>Cross curricular speaking and listening activities.</p> <p>Also see separate English plans that include a range of opportunities for C &amp; L.</p>	<p><b>Physical Development</b></p> <p>Complete pencil control mazes and letter formation sheets. Grind corn, barley and wheat with rolling pins and feel the textures of them before and after. Using autumn themed play dough mats, make the scene using play dough. Play with forest animals in the sand or a tray of soil. Provide boxes, sticks, hay and other materials for the children to role play with or make dens for hibernating animals from. Provide small world ploughs or tractors to make patterns in the soil or sand tray, or make some out of lolly pop sticks glued together. Use scissor to cut out art work completed.</p> <p>Also see separate PE programme</p>
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<p><b>Literacy</b></p> <p>Jolly Phonics learning the sounds and applying them to write words and sentences</p> <p>Look at a variety of non fiction books at the different seasons, what happens to plants, trees and animals</p> <p>Name and handwriting practice</p> <p>Literacy work linked to topic and different genres.</p> <p>Rhyming games</p> <p>Also see separate English plan – 4 weeks narrative</p>	<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>Jolly Phonics learning the sounds and applying them to write words and sentences</p> <p>Look at a variety of non fiction books at the different bears and where they live</p> <p>Name and handwriting practice</p> <p>Literacy work linked to topic and different genres.</p> <p>Rhyming games</p> <p>Also see separate maths plan – numbers to 5 and shape, space and measure.</p>	<p><b>Understanding the world</b></p> <p>Learn about Harvest and attend a harvest service with the rest of the school. Harvest any vegetables grown in the summer.</p> <p>Use the book Autumn to introduce autumn to the children and talk about what happens. Watch clips on Espresso.</p> <p>Go on an autumn walk to be autumn detectives.</p> <p>Read Going on a Leaf hunt then go out on a leaf hunt using a leaf information sheet to match and name leaves.</p> <p>Based around The Busy Little Squirrel book, look at what happens to the acorns and conkers when they fall on to the ground. Plant one of each in a pot to watch if it grows.</p>	<p><b>Expressive arts and design</b></p> <p>Make a harvest basket picture using a template basket and cut out fruit and veg to put in the basket.</p> <p>Look at autumn colours in the book Autumn and investigate the different shades that can be made using red, orange, yellow and green and use leaf sponges to print leaves and cut out when dry.</p> <p>Gather leaves and do leaf rubbings. Cut out.</p> <p>Paint a tree trunk then use the cut out leaves to make a collage of an autumn tree.</p> <p>Make leaf shapes using salt dough and cutters. When dry paint the leaves using autumn colours.</p> <p>Use a range of autumn colour paints, investigate painting using a range of different autumn objects such as conkers, acorn, sticks, cone etc. Look at the patterns they can make when painting with them.</p>
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