

Topic Plan Ideas – Autumn

This pack contains some activity ideas for the Autumn topic as well as some blank forms for you to note down your own ideas.

Staring at a blank page when planning can be difficult so we hope that even if you don't end up using our exact suggestions, they will be a spark of inspiration for your own great ideas when planning for your children.

(The different sheets are outlined below so you can decide which sheets you need to print).

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Ideas sheet (BW) – p3

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We hope this helps!

Fine Motor

- Autumn themed puzzles.
- Draw around a leaf – cut out drawing.
- Fingerpaint leaves on trees, acorns.



Number/Counting

- Scavenger hunt – find the correct number of autumn items.
- Use natural items to create physical addition and subtraction (1 more/1 less).

Tuff Trays

- Make impressions in playdough using leaves, pinecones, conkers, acorns, etc.
- Make your own small world 'Autumn Wood'.



Messy Play

- Toy cars driving in the mud – incorporate autumn items.
- Bury autumn items in the sand – draw a treasure map!

Shape/Pattern/Symmetry

- Symmetry – draw half of leaf next to real half.
- Organise natural items to make shapes.

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Personal Opinions & Feelings

- 'How does different autumn weather make you look and feel?'
- Talking about favourite vegetables and trying new ones.

Measures

- Sorting natural autumn items (leaves, conkers, acorns) by shape, size, or length.
- Create playdough worms of different lengths – compare.

Health & Self-Care

- Correct clothes for autumn – compare with summer clothes.
- Handwashing focus after handling autumn items.

Nurturing Relationships

- 'What do you like about autumn?' 'Can you remember what your friend said?'
- Group display – kindness leaves

Gross Motor

- Move like autumn animals and leaves.
- Using age-appropriate brushes and rakes outdoors.



Investigation

- Investigation area with autumn items and magnifying glasses.
- Investigate leaves – 'What tree did they fall from?'

Role-Play

- Farm Shop
- Growing Crops (Outdoor)

Autumn Ideas

Mark making

- Observational drawing of autumn items.
- Writing lists of vegetables, autumn items, autumn clothes.

Creativity/Art/Design

- Painting/printing with autumn themed objects (leaves, conkers).
- Create 'Leaf people'.
- Create 'Pinecone people/animals'.

Relevant Books

- Stick Man – Julia Donaldson
- Autumn – Ailie Busby
- The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson

Phonics/High Freq. Words

- Organise natural items to make sounds/words.
- Phonics/words written on leaf shapes for flashcards or a display.

Songs/Music/Poems

- Autumn environmental sounds using percussion instruments e.g. squirrel darting up & down trees – xylophone
- Change words to familiar songs to make autumn songs.
- Investigate onomatopoeic autumn sounds (crunch, whoosh).

Alphabet

- Create alphabet letters using autumn items.
- Find items in the outdoor area to match the letters of the alphabet – how many can you find?

Mindfulness

- Think about your senses on an autumn walk.
- Autumn colouring.
- Autumn leaf collage e.g. hedgehog's back, squirrel's tail.



Colours

- Sort autumn leaves by colour.
- Paint conkers specific colour(s).
- Leaf rubbings.

Science Experiments

- Observe how a freshly fallen leaf dries out inside over time.
- Autumn items floating and sinking.

Optional Home Learning

- Autumn nature hunt checklist.
- Paper bags to collect autumn items.



Vocab & Communication

- Discussing the signs of autumn.
- Autumn themed word cards/mat with pictures.

Food

- Vegetable soup (write ingredient list, follow instructions, chop veg)
- Smelling different vegetables chopped and unchopped.

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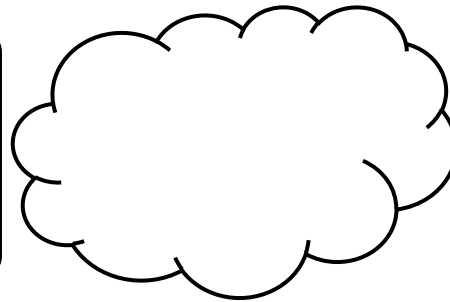
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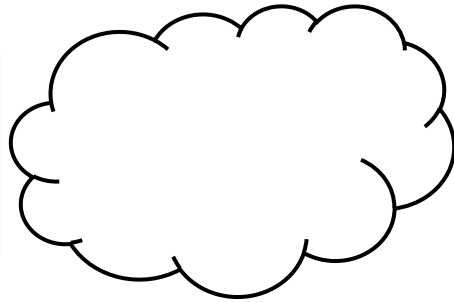
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