

Nursery Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1

All About Me & Autumn



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Settle into nursery and learn our rules and routines.
- Talk about ourselves, our families and what makes us unique.
- Share our likes and dislikes.
- Explore feelings – what makes us happy or sad?
- Learn how to be a good friend and play together.
- Talk about what we want to be when we grow up.



Communication and Language

- Share news about our families and home life.
- Join in with circle time discussions.
- Use mirrors to talk about facial expressions and emotions (e.g. proud, excited, worried).
- Listen to and join in with stories, songs and rhymes.
- Learn new vocabulary linked to ourselves, our families and Autumn (e.g. leaves, harvest, hibernate).
- Talk about our experiences and listen to others.



Physical Development

- Explore the indoor and outdoor environment.
- Develop gross motor skills through running, climbing, balancing and using wheeled toys.
- Take part in an Autumn walk and explore natural materials.
- Use fine motor skills to draw, paint, cut, thread and build.
- Use tools and equipment safely (e.g. scissors, paintbrushes).
- Begin to dress ourselves for different weather.



Literacy

- Share stories about ourselves and our families.
- Look at Autumn stories and non-fiction books.
- Recognise and begin to say some letters in our names.
- Use marks and symbols to give meaning (e.g. drawing, early writing).
- Join in with repeated phrases and familiar rhymes.



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Mathematics

- Count objects and actions in everyday activities.
- Match, sort and compare quantities (e.g. leaves, conkers).
- Explore size, weight and capacity using natural materials.
- Notice and talk about patterns (e.g. on leaves, clothing).
- Use positional language (e.g. in, on, under, next to).
- Explore numbers through songs and rhymes.



Understanding the World

- Explore the changes that happen in Autumn.
- Go on an Autumn trail – what can we see, hear, feel and smell?
- Sort Autumn and Summer images.
- Find out what animals do in Autumn (e.g. hibernate).
- Talk about our families and the people who are special to us.
- Use our senses to explore natural materials (leaves, conkers, sticks).
- Talk about Harvest and how food is grown.



Expressive Arts and Design

- Create self-portraits and pictures of our families.
- Use autumn leaves, twigs and natural materials to create artwork (e.g. leaf printing, collages).
- Explore colours, textures and materials.
- Sing songs and explore music linked to Autumn.
- Use our imagination in role play (e.g. home corner, woodland animals).
- Make Autumn decorations and explore mark making in different ways.



Enrichment Opportunities

- Bring in a family photograph to share.
- Parent Information Evening.
- Meet the key members of staff.
- Go on an Autumn Walk.



Nursery Rhymes and Songs

- 5 Little Leaves
- Wind the Bobbin Up
- Autumn Leaves are Falling Down
- I'm a Little Teapot
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive

