

Supporting Texts

Core books for Term

Gruffalo
Leaf man
Stick man
Percy the Parkkeeper

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Harvest Festival.

Physical development

With some small world woodland animals and some conkers, provide a tray of soil and some small tools or spoons, then encourage the children to practise burying some food for the winter!
Provide some boxes, hay, leaves and twigs (and any other appropriate materials) for the children to use in role play activities, or to make dens for hibernating animals.
Fine motor skills – challenge children to use giant tweezers to move conkers from one pot to another.

Reading and writing

Read some autumn themed books with the children – for example ‘Stick Man’, ‘It’s Snorey Time’, ‘Leaf Trouble’ and books from the ‘Percy the Park Keeper’ series which are set in autumn.
Compare different stories set in Percy the Park Keeper’s park and encourage the children to talk about the seasonal changes they notice in the story and illustrations.
Provide some shallow trays of soil or mud and encourage the children to explore mark making and practise letter formation.
Have a selection of mark making tools available for children to use, especially next to an autumn interest table or clipboards and pencils for the children to use around the area to record thoughts and ideas about autumn.
Also have these Percy the Park Keeper Stick Puppets available in

Maths

Collect a selection of autumn themed objects e.g. conkers or leaves. These could then be used for a variety of counting, addition and subtraction activities.
Autumn Counting and Sorting
Autumn Fruit Bingo
Autumn Colours Repeating Pattern Necklace
Have a selection of laminated Autumn Themed Size Ordering Pictures. Start with three of each and encourage the children to sort them into hoops – all of the small creatures in one hoop, the medium sized in another hoop etc.
Encourage the children to complete these Autumn Leaf Repeating Patterns.
Challenge children to match the shapes in this Autumn Shadow

P.S.H.E

Provide a camera or mirror and some Autumn Photos. Encourage the children to choose a picture and make a face to show how that picture makes them feel.
Talk to the children about the activities seen in these Autumn Action Colouring Sheets and encourage them to decorate their favourite.
Children could take it in turns to play this Percy the Park Keeper Matching Game
The ‘Autumn Slam Game’ encourages children to take turns to answer questions about autumn.
The children can take turns to play Autumn Themed Bingo Game.
Encourage the children to share their experiences of autumn activities and what they like to do/see during autumn.
Circle time activity – pass a small soft toy, like a hedgehog, around the circle and when the child is holding the hedgehog it is their turn to speak. Encourage

Expressive arts and design

Autumn Leaf Rubbing
Autumn Colour Mixing
Seed Pictures
Autumn Leaf Printing
Autumn Leaf Storm Dance
Autumn Texture Printing
Look and Act Autumn
Shaving Cream Autumn Painted Leaves
Decorate some autumn Leaf Templates using chalk or paint and mixing some autumn colours together.
Have a range of junk modelling available for children to create their own hedgehog houses!
Try painting with natural objects instead of paintbrushes! Encourage the children to explore using sticks or leaves to create marks and patterns.
Encourage the children to make some temporary natural models by using autumnal objects e.g. leaves, conkers, sticks and pinecones. Challenge them to make models and sculptures and record their work by taking photos of their finished creations.
Provide autumnal colours of paint and encourage the children to create their own autumn paintings based on what they can see.

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Encourage the children to use a digital camera to record their findings on an autumn walk.
Provide magnifying glasses for the children to explore the changing environment more closely. Encourage them to look at the veins on fallen leaves etc.
Create an Autumn Interest Table outside and encourage the children to add autumn objects to it e.g. leaves, acorns, sycamore seeds, pine cones etc. Provide these Word Cards for the children to label objects on the display.
Create a large autumn Display Tree. Talk to the children about what colour leaves need to be added to the display and encourage them to decorate and cut out Leaves and stick on the tree display - either on the branches or around the trunk of the tree.
Visit a local park or woodland area to see the changes that happen during autumn.
Learn about ways to help care for plants and animals over the autumn and winter months e.g. checking piles of leaves for hedgehogs, making bird feeders and covering plant roots with straw to protect them from frost.
An Autumn Walk
Autumn Leaf Hedgehog

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The Gruffalo trail

Summer



Big Interests/ what we want children to learn

World around them, and how it changes

Outdoor

Communication and Language

Encourages children to talk about what they saw and found on the autumn walk.
Challenge children to talk about and identify the pictures in of Autumn PowerPoint Game.
Use these Woodland Creatures and Natural Object Posters to prompt talk about each item and encourage the children to describe them to a friend.
Discuss these Autumn Fact Cards with the children and relate to their own experiences.
Play a listening and attention game with the children. Place a number of autumn themed items on a tray and cover with a blanket. What has been removed?

Topic hooks, visits and visitors

Visits: woods
Display—different leaves
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How can I support my child's learning. Resources and ideas for home.

Parent Involvement: Family workshop, encourage collection of autumn artefacts,