

Reception: Autumn



Things I Will Learn

I can name the four seasons.

spring



summer



autumn



winter



I can name some common natural items found outside during autumn.

conker



acorn



pine cone



leaves



pumpkin



apple



I can talk about some of the seasonal changes I have noticed around me.

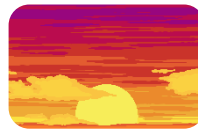
leaves changing colour



leaves and fruit falling



the sun setting earlier



weather is colder



I can describe what I can see, hear and feel outside during autumn.

wind



rain



crunchy leaves



harvested food



squirrels collecting nuts



hedgehogs getting ready to hibernate



I can talk about some of the events and festivals that are celebrated in autumn.

Stories, songs and rhymes:

- Can't you Sleep Little Bear
- Autumn Colours Song
- Autumn Leaves
- I'm a Little Hedgehog
- The Leaves are Falling Down

Diary dates and special days:

- Friday Forest School
- Fire engine visit
- Bonfire Night
- Christmas activities

Things to Talk About and Find Out:

- I wonder where this might have come from?
- Can you describe what this feels like?
- How many different coloured leaves can you find? Are they all the same shape and size?
- What should we wear to go outside today?
- What signs of autumn can you see?
- Can you describe the colours you can see?
- How is autumn different to summer?
- What might people celebrate during autumn?
- What might the squirrels and hedgehogs be preparing for?
- Can you think of a different word to describe the falling leaves?
- Why is harvest an important time?
- Did you notice if all of the trees are dropping their leaves?

Topic Words

First, I can try to use these words:

Trees, leaves, conker, acorn, pine cone, pumpkin, apple, pear, nuts, crunchy, falling, colours (such as red, orange, yellow, brown), wind, rain, cold, jumper, coat, harvest, hedgehog, squirrel.

Then, I can try to use these words:

Hibernate, store, rustling, swirling, tumbling, describe the shade of different colours (dark, light, bright, deep), season, cool breeze, lower temperature, special events (such as Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night).