

Please send in Autumn objects
(leaves, conkers etc) for explorations
in our topic area! Thank you 😊



Apple Tree Class

Autumn 1 Topic Letter - Amazing Autumn

During this topic we will be going on autumn walks, exploring the seasonal changes, collecting autumn objects and talking about harvest. We will also be talking about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

We will be using lots of the autumn objects we collect in the art areas.

Literacy

N & R - We will be discussing and describing autumn objects.
R - We will be labelling and writing about autumn objects.

Understanding the World

N & R - We will be thinking about seasonal changes and talking about some of the things we have observed. We will be learning about harvest and making our own bread. We will be talking about how some people celebrate Diwali at this time.

Numeracy

N - We will be naming colours and sorting objects by their colour or size. We will be looking at simple patterns. We will be counting and comparing groups of objects.
R - We will be sorting objects by our own criteria. We will use autumn objects to create repeating patterns. We will be counting, estimating and finding one more and one less from a group of objects.

N=nursery age
R=reception
(school age)



Home Learning Ideas:

- Collect some autumn leaves and do some leaf printing/rubbing
- Watch this autumn video - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/autumn-trees/9453.html>
- Create a repeating patterns using household objects
- Create a repeating pattern online: <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>
- Collect some leaves to create a leaf crown - bring it in to show us!
- Visit the library/search online to find out about animals that hibernate
- Share this short video about Diwali together: <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/my-favourite-day-diwali>

Songs and Rhymes

Here are some of the songs we will be singing this topic...

Big, Red Combine Harvester

Big red combine harvester

Big red combine harvester,

Big red combine harvester,

Chug, chug, chug, chug, chugging away

Cutting the corn, combine harvester

Cutting the corn, combine harvester

Cutting the corn, combine harvester

Chug, chug, chug, chug, chugging away

Leaves

(to tune of Farmer's in the Den)

The leaves are falling down
The leaves are falling down
Red, yellow, green, and brown
The leaves are falling down

Autumn

(to tune of London bridge is falling down)

Autumn leaves are falling down,
falling down, falling down.

Autumn leaves are falling down
From the trees.

Conkers falling from the trees,
from the trees, from the trees
Conkers falling from the trees
Because its autumn

Hedgehog hiding safe and snug,
safe and snug, safe and snug
Hedgehog hiding safe and snug
because its Autumn

