

# Autumn

## Mathematics

**Repeated patterns** making, using sticks, conkers, leaves and acorns

**Numerical equivalence**– pairing numbers with the same amount of conkers

**Ascending and descending order**–ordering sticks from shortest to the longest or the other way around

**Acorn addition**– use acorns for simple addition problems

**Pumpkin measuring**– se string to measure pumpkin circumferences and compare

**Autumn sensory tray**– hide numbers in a tray filled with autumn items for children to find and identify

## Role-play Area

**Clothes Display**– welly boots, warm clothes, umbrella, scarves

**Create a shop** to sell conkers, acorns, leaves and sticks

## Music Area

**Musical instruments** (drums, bells, tambourines) to create sounds

## Malleable Area

**Playdough imprints**– use pinecones, sticks, leaves to leave imprints in playdough

**Apple orchards**– set up small trees (branches in playdough) and have your child hang a specific number of apples (small balls made of playdough) on each tree

## Construction Area

**Make a cosy den for reading time**

- Sorting– sort long sticks by length
- Estimating the number of sticks needed
- Problem-solving– discuss out how to make the den stable and how to create an entrance
- Spatial awareness: Guide your child in understanding how to arrange sticks to create an enclosed space.

## Investigation Area

**Detailed observation**– explore pumpkin and sunflower seeds using magnifying glasses. Compare the appearance of seeds with their shells to those with shells removed

## Creative Area

**Leaf rubbing**– place a fallen leaf under a sheet of paper and gently shade over it with the side of a pencil

**Autumn colour mixing**– explore colour theory by mixing red, yellow, and brown paints in different ratios

**Autumnal blow art painting** using straws

**Leaf painting**– paint leaves a and hung them on a string to create a bunting

**Leaf outlines**– draw leaf outlines and fill them with dots to count.

## Sand/Water Area

**A tray with soil** and orange pom-poms to create a pumpkin patch

**A bowl of water** with leaves and conkers to sort floating and sinking objects

## English-Reading Corner

**Cosy little space** with autumn themed **books display**

**Read and discuss books** to check **comprehension**

**Talk** about: weather, days of the week, months of the year

## Writing Area

**Name recognition** (Have different names written on pieces of paper. Teach your child to recognise, pick up and display his own name)

**Name tracing**– trace own name on dotted line.

Autumn themed **line tracing** sheets

**Letter tracing/writing**

**CVC words writing**

**Words** and short **sentences writing**

## Experiences/Visits

**Nature/park walks**– Signs of Autumn scavenger hunt. (have a sheet of paper with printed signs of autumn for your child to tick the identified signs)

–leaves, sticks, conkers collection

**Make fresh bread, cinnamon rolls, cinnamon biscuits.**

(discuss about autumn scents)

### Bible Verses

"O **give thanks to the Lord**, for He is good;  
for His mercy endures for ever."  
Psalm 107:1

"Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord  
your God, for he has given you the **autumn  
rains** because he is faithful."  
Joel 2:23

" He made the moon to mark the **seasons**,  
and the sun knows when to go down."  
Psalm 104:19

### Celebrations

Thanksgiving

### Songs

"All things bright and beautiful"  
"Autumn leaves"  
"It's harvest time"

### Key Texts

**God Bless Our Fall** by Hannah C.  
Hall and Steve Whitlow

**Autumn is Here** by Heidi Pross Gray

**We're Going on a Leaf Hunt** by  
Steve Metzger

**Leaf Man** by Lois Ehlert

**Awesome Autumn** by Bruce  
Goldstone

**Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn** by  
Kenard Pak

**Mouse's First Fall** by Lauren  
Thompson

### Key Vocabulary

autumn	haystack
acorn	hibernate
equinox	leaf leaves
chilly	nature nuts
cobweb	pinecone
cold	pie
cool	pumpkin
crisp	quilt
deciduous	raincoat
fall	rake
falling	reap
leaves	scarecrow
harvest	season
harvest	hedgehog
moon	barn
nocturnal	owl
hay	voles