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**Topic Plan Ideas** - **Autumn**

This pack contains some activity ideas for the Autumn topic as well as some blank forms for you to note down your own ideas.

Staring at a blank page when planning can be difficult so we hope that even if you don’t end up using our exact suggestions, they will be a spark of inspiration for your own great ideas when planning for your children.

(The different sheets are outlined below so you can decide which sheets you need to print).

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We hope this helps!

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Fine Motor

Number/Counting

* Scavenger hunt – find the correct number of autumn items.
* Use natural items to create physical addition and subtraction (1 more/1 less).
* Autumn themed puzzles.
* Draw around a leaf – cut out drawing.
* Fingerpaint leaves on trees, acorns.

Tuff Trays

Messy Play

* Toy cars driving in the mud – incorporate autumn items.
* Bury autumn items in the sand – draw a treasure map!
* Make impressions in playdough using leaves, pinecones, conkers, acorns, etc.
* Make your own small world ‘Autumn Wood’.

Shape/Pattern/Symmetry

* Symmetry – draw half of leaf next to real half.
* Organise natural items to make shapes.

Personal Opinions & Feelings

Measures

* Sorting natural autumn items (leaves, conkers, acorns) by shape, size, or length.
* Create playdough worms of different lengths – compare.
* ‘How does different autumn weather make you look and feel?’
* Talking about favourite vegetables and trying new ones.

Health & Self-Care

Nurturing Relationships

* ‘What do you like about autumn?’ ‘Can you remember what your friend said?’
* Group display – kindness leaves
* Correct clothes for autumn – compare with summer clothes.
* Handwashing focus after handling autumn items.

Gross Motor

* Move like autumn animals and leaves.
* Using age-appropriate brushes and rakes outdoors.

Investigation

Role-Play

* Farm Shop
* Growing Crops (Outdoor)
* Investigation area with autumn items and magnifying glasses.
* Investigate leaves – ‘What tree did they fall from?’

Mark making

* Observational drawing of autumn items.
* Writing lists of vegetables, autumn items, autumn clothes.

Creativity/Art/Design

* Painting/printing with autumn themed objects (leaves, conkers).
* Create ‘Leaf people’.
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Relevant Books

Phonics/High Freq. Words

* Organise natural items to make sounds/words.
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Songs/Music/Poems

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* Change words to familiar songs to make autumn songs.
* Investigate onomatopoeic autumn sounds (crunch, whoosh).

Mindfulness

* Think about your senses on an autumn walk.
* Autumn colouring.
* Autumn leaf collage e.g. hedgehog’s back, squirrel’s tail.

Colours

Science Experiments

* Observe how a freshly fallen leaf dries out inside over time.
* Autumn items floating and sinking.
* Sort autumn leaves by colour.
* Paint conkers specific colour(s).
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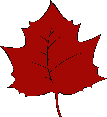
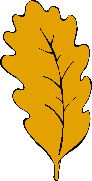
Optional Home Learning

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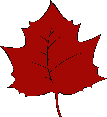
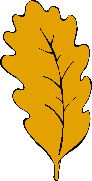
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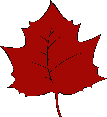
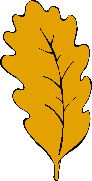
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