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**Topic Plan Ideas** - **Halloween**

This pack contains some activity ideas for the Halloween 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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Fine Motor

Number/Counting

* Use Halloween themed objects to do physical counting/addition/subtraction/1more/1 less/sharing.
* Sharing of sweets fairly.
* Match number of seeds to number of seeds to number on pumpkin puzzle.
* Place loose parts (using fingers or child tweezers) onto pumpkin head outline to make a pumpkin face.
* Halloween themed puzzles.

Tuff Trays

Messy Play

* Create magical potions.
* Fill pumpkin template with orange paint – use brushes, fingers, hands, sponges, printing objects.
* Use various tools (spoons, ladles, child tweezers, etc) to pick up spooky items and place in a cauldron to make a potion.
* Find the letters/sounds/numbers in amongst shredded orange paper, cereal, pasta.

Shape/Pattern/Symmetry

* Make repeating patterns using Halloween themed objects e.g. bat, pumpkin, bat, pumpkin.
* Magic potion shape spell. Add the requested shapes to a cauldron. ‘Add a triangle!’ ‘Find a four-sided shape!’

Personal Opinions & Feelings

Measures

* Cost of spooky food at spooky hotel.
* Days of the week you would like to stay at the spooky hotel.
* Which spooky character would you like to dress up as?
* ‘Which is your favourite spooky character? Can you draw and/or write about them?’

Health & Self-Care

Nurturing Relationships

* Make Halloween cards to give to each other.
* Pass out pumpkin cards with ability-relevant numbers, alphabet, colours, addition equations. Children to find their pair.
* Talk about balanced diet – ‘what might happen if you eat too many sweets?’
* Teeth brushing station – pretending or with a named brush.

Gross Motor

* Halloween activity challenges e.g. ‘Walk a wobbly walk like a skeleton.’
* Move around your setting (indoor &/or outdoor) to find the spooky items.

Investigation

Role-Play

* Spooky hotel themed role-play area.
* Dress up as a spooky character. ‘How would you act?’ ‘What will you say?’
* Set up investigation cauldron with magnifying glass – ‘what can you find in the witch’s cauldron?’
* Investigate what is inside a pumpkin.

Mark making

* Write down/make marks to show the ingredients in your magic potion.
* Make a mark on a checklist when you find a spooky item (around setting, indoor/outdoor, in feely bag, in tuff spot).

Creativity/Art/Design

* Make Halloween themed masks e.g. pumpkin head, witch, skeleton, wolf.
* Create ghosts using cotton wool.
* Decorate cardboard tubes to make Halloween characters.

Relevant Books

Phonics/High Freq. Words

* Mystery magic words (nonsense words made up of the sounds you are working on).
* Place some HFWs or sounds around the outdoor area. Fly around on a broomstick and read/collect them.
* Room on the Broom – Julia Donaldson
* Funnybones - Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Songs/Music/Poems

Alphabet

* Match the Halloween themed objects to the letter it starts with e.g. in tuff spot choose 3 letters you have been working on & match them to the corresponding 3 objects.
* Make up a witch’s spell to chant/sing.
* Match the sound to the Halloween character e.g. cackle – witch, howl – wolf.

Mindfulness

* Halloween colouring.
* Wind string around three lollipop sticks taped in the middle. Concentrate on the over and under motion to make spider webs.

Colours

Science Experiments

* Make slime! Use in tuff trays and messy play.
* Melting ice ‘Halloween hands’ (frozen water-filled surgical gloves). Add small items and food colouring to the water for more fun!
* Create ‘colour station’ tables – 1 or more depending on your children. E.g. encourage children to place orange, black, green objects from around the setting on the correct colour table.

Optional Home Learning

Vocab & Communication

* Adult to describe spooky item and children to guess what it is.
* Spooky feely bag – what will you find?
* Draw a Halloween picture of your family.
* Practice using different voices when wearing Halloween masks. It will help with telling stories.

Food

* Make pumpkin soup or pie.
* Make some spaghetti with food colouring. Double as slimy messy play!

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