

Communication and Language

Autumn 'feely box' - what can you see/smell/ feel? Exploring different textures and autumnal objects.

All about Squirrels and Hedgehogs—discussions and facts about what these animals do during autumn time.

Take camera/ ipad on autumn walk and take pictures of things that interest them. Take back to class and talk about it.

Sycamore Tree Experience—what does the tree look like—what is growing on the tree?

Vocabulary development from 'Story of the Week'.

Understanding the World

Leaf Hunt—matching, naming and talking about the leaves we find.

Let's build a hedgehog home! - discussions on how hedgehogs hibernate and then making them a home for the winter.

Scarecrows! - Create a class scarecrow to place in forest school to protect our crops.

Meet a real hedgehog! - what do hedgehogs like/do/eat? What do they feel like?

Pumpkins! - Let's investigate pumpkins! Do you like Pumpkin Soup?

Harvest Investigation Table—what happens during Harvest time – Harvest Assembly.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Caring for animals in Autumn—hedgehog homes (handwarmers experiment) feeding the birds.

How do I dress for Autumn weather? - zipping up my coat, hat, scarf, gloves.

How to be a good friend— The Very Helpful Hedgehog. How can you be helpful towards your friends?

Let's make a scarecrow—encourage children to work as a team to build a class scarecrow to put in forest school and our school garden to protect our plants.

My emotions—natural autumn objects—abstract art. How are you feeling today?

Literacy

Texts and Books:

Squirrels Autumn Search

The Very Helpful Hedgehog

We're Going on a Leaf Hunt

That's not my Squirrel/Hedgehog

Pumpkin Soup.

Hearing the initial sounds of autumnal objects.

Autumn I spy

Letters on conkers in the water.

Children to write about what they can see during Autumn Time.

Harvest baskets— drawing vegetables ready to be harvested and hearing and writing initial sounds.



Reception Unit Autumn



Expressive Arts and Design

Leaf printing/ Outline leaf paintings.

Harvest items—water colour observational drawings,

Fork hedgehogs—using different mediums to paint.

Tissue paper squirrels—scrunching technique.

Leaf mobiles—preserving leaves with glue.

Leaf Man—Can you create your own 'Leaf Man'/ Leaf picture?

Harvest Songs—What's your favourite thing about Autumn/Dingle Dangle Scare-

Physical Development

Tweezers and conkers—can you put the conkers into the containers using the tweezers?

Hold punching leaves—pattern punchers.

Autumn Necklaces—threading activity.

Pumpkins and elastic bands—wrap as many elastic bands round the pumpkins as you can.

Autumn fine motor mark making in the sand.

Guided Draw—How to draw a hedgehog.

Playdough hedgehogs and Squirrels

Autumn PE unit—getting dressed in Autumn clothes, rolling in a ball like a hedgehog etc.

Mathematics

Autumn/Natural resources—Patterns.

Matching numeral to quantity—Counting out acorns for Sammy Squirrel.

Numbers on hedgehogs/squirrels—ordering to 5 (and then 10 where appropriate).

Subitising—conkers/pine cones in five frames/ ten frames/numicon pieces.

Autumn counting sheets—how many can you see of each object?

Number formation—numbers 1-5.

Comparing size, height, length and capacity using conkers, pine cones, sticks, ourselves etc.

Discussing 'more' and 'fewer' with collections of objects.