

Topic: Autumn

Stories/Books		The Enormous turnip The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark Oliver's Wood Non-fiction books about seasons and animals	
Area of learning		Early Learning Goal (small steps)	Activities/Ideas
Communication and Language	Listening, Attention and Understanding	respond with relevant questions	Listen and respond to stories Ask questions about season/ animals. Adults can use non-fiction books to find the answers. Retell stories Use descriptive language to describe animals and the changing seasons.
		ask questions to clarify their understanding	
	Speaking	Offer explanations for why things might happen	
		use full sentences	
		use conjunctions	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Self-Regulation	Show an understanding of their own feelings	Discuss things that scare them like the owl in the story and share ideas about what can make them feel better.
	Managing Self	understand the importance of healthy food choices.	Using the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' children can choose what else could be added to the soup to make it healthy.
Physical Development	Fine Motor skills	use a range of small tools paint brushes	Create Autumn scenes Draw/Paint woodland creatures Do bark rubbings
Literacy	Comprehension	retell stories and narratives	Use props/pictures to retell 'The Enormous turnip'
		use their own words and recently introduced vocabulary	
	Writing	write recognisable letters	Label Autumn/animal pictures using letters that they know eg. 's' for squirrel
		represent the sounds with a letter or letters	
Understanding the World	Past and Present	understand the past through settings,	Use the story of The Enormous Turnip to discuss differences between past and present eg. Where do most people get their food?
	The Natural World	explore the natural world around them	collect autumn 'treasures'
		draw pictures of animals and plants	look at the differences between collected leaves
		understand the seasons	make autumn art explore books about Autumn
Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with Materials	experiment with texture	take bark rubbings/leaf rubbings create art showing autumn scenes make shadow puppets explore light and dark make fireworks pictures
		explain the process they have used	
		make use of props and materials	
	Being Imaginative and Expressive	recount narratives and stories	Act out the stories
		perform stories	Retell the stories