



Nursery Curriculum Newsletter—Autumn Term

Why do leaves go crispy?

Hello! Crunch, scrunch and rustle. Why do leaves go crispy? What's inside a conker? Let's find out all about autumn in this cornerstones project—*Why do leaves go crispy?* Working together, we'll collect fallen leaves and have lots of fun playing with them!

Literacy

We will be exploring mark making in different sensory experiences such as soil with sticks and **practising holding pencils using a tripod grip**. It will be lovely to curl up in the reading corner to enjoy autumnal stories and poetry.



Favourite Five— Stick Man, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The Gruffalo's Child, The Three Little Pigs and Squirrels Autumn Search.

Maths

We will be using our maths skills to help us to count natural objects, and we'll use them to make different quantities to match to numbered baskets. We will even explore pumpkins and count their seeds. Using sticks, we'll explore lengths and use the language of size **big, medium and small**.

Rights Respecting—Article 29: We have the right to learn.

PSED

We will be learning the expectations and routines of nursery whilst learning about the Golden Rights. We will be playing co-operatively in the role play area extending and elaborating play ideas and initiating play with other children. **We will use sand timers to help turn taking with popular resources!**



Communication and Language

We will be practising our listening skills and developing our attention during our story times with our **'Favourite Five'** books. Whilst exploring in the investigation stations we will be exposed to new vocabulary such as **Autumn, season, crispy, crunchy, rustle, spiky, prickly, smooth and rough**.

Physical

We will be having **weekly dance PE sessions** on a Thursday afternoon led by a dance teacher. We will be looking closely at seasonal fruits, where we will then help to prepare them for our snack, using tools to chop, cut and slice. We will be going on lots of woodland walks to explore the sounds, textures and colours of fallen leaves.

Understanding the World

In our investigation station we'll **watch what happens when frozen objects melt**. Things could get messy in our mud kitchen when we use different tools to dig, mix and pour. We'll also enjoy making marks in the mud and seeing if we can make leaves travel from one place to another using water.

Expressive Arts and Design

Getting creative, we'll press leaves into playdough to make beautiful impressions, and we'll trace the patterns on leaves.



We'll make autumnal pictures by printing with woodland treasures, such as conkers, leaves, acorns and pinecones! We will be enjoying lots of nursery rhymes such as **dingle dangle scarecrow** and **I'm a little pumpkin!**

What can I do at home?

Why not read and learn nursery rhymes about Autumn? Autumn is awesome! Why not go for an autumn walk to play in the leaves? You could also collect natural objects to make a colourful autumnal collage. Alternatively, use recycled materials to make a woodland creature.

Don't forget to share on Tapestry!