

Why do leaves go crispy?



Crunch, scrunch and rustle. Why do leaves go crispy? What's inside a conker? Let's find out all about autumn in this exciting seasonal project.

This half term, we'll be exploring our own school meadow and woodland areas for autumnal treasures. Back in the classroom, we'll watch what happens when frozen objects melt. Getting creative, we'll press leaves into clay to make beautiful impressions, and we'll trace the patterns on leaves. 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. Our maths skills will help us to count conkers, and we'll use them to make different numbers. Using sticks, we'll explore lengths and use the language of size. It will be lovely to curl up in the reading corner to enjoy autumnal stories and poetry. After looking closely at seasonal fruits, adults will help us to prepare them. Working together, we'll collect fallen leaves and have lots of fun playing with them! Using our senses, we'll explore conkers and acorns, thinking about why they fall in autumn.

At the end of the project, we'll make a colourful and tasty harvest soup or fruity dessert, and read a book about autumn that will encourage us to reflect on our learning.

Areas of learning	Early Learning Goals
Communication and language	Listening and attention; Understanding; Speaking
Physical development	Moving and handling
Personal, social and emotional development	Self-confidence and self-awareness; Making relationships
Literacy	Reading; Writing
Mathematics	Numbers; Shape, space and measures
Understanding the world	The world; Technology
Expressive arts and design	Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative

Help your child prepare for their project

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.