



## Activities at home for Hedgehogs and Lambs

Our topic for the month of October is: Autumn and animals

### **The areas we will be covering are:**

- Role play - Animal costumes and props - moving in different ways.
- Autumn science table/sensory trays.
- The four seasons- Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter focusing on Autumn.
- The environment in Autumn - nature hunts/den building.
- Learning about colour change - mixing paints and using the light box.
- Exploring the minibeast house and minibeasts in the environment.
- Look out for animals/nature in the garden environment.
- Learning about different animals.
- Creative activities related to Autumn and animals.
- Stories about Autumn and animals.
- October celebrations - Harvest, Halloween 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Halloween creative activities and messy play - week of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021
- Autumn outdoor activities.
- Daily weather watch and changes throughout the day.
- Dancing and imaginative play - pretending to be in different weather, places and seasons.
- Exploring and using the mud kitchen and potion station.

### **Books, rhymes and songs:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The season song.</li><li>• The days of the week song.</li><li>• The months of the year song.</li><li>• The Scarecrow's Wedding (story).</li><li>• The Bears in the Bed and the Great Big Storm (story).</li><li>• Autumn poems and rhymes.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Here we go round the mulberry bush - song.</li><li>• It's raining, it's pouring (rhyme).</li><li>• Percy the Park Keeper stories.</li><li>• Incy Wincy Spider (rhyme).</li><li>• There was an Old Woman who Swallowed some Leaves (story).</li><li>• We're Going on a Leaf Hunt (story).</li></ul> |
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### **Ideas how to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about:**

- Talk about the four seasons - Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter.
- Think about the weather in Autumn, what you wear and what you can do.
- Go on Autumn walks and collect items to show and to put on the Autumn science table.
- Make an Autumn picture/collage and bring in for show and tell.
- Weather watch- make a weather chart and keep a record daily.
- Make up silly weather rhymes ie 'Rain, rain go away, come again on.....'.
- Celebrate Harvest and Halloween with family.
- Looking for minibeasts and other animals outside - take photos to share.
- Read stories and rhymes about Autumn.
- Trips to see animals at farms, parks and zoos. Bring in maps, tickets and photos to share.
- Autumn wellbeing activities for adults and children - see October newsletter.