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All About Autumn Early Years Session Booklet

Includes the interactive poem used in the Early
Years/Ks1 'All About Autumn' session

If you **LEARN** some of the songs/poems
and actions with your group at least one of them
can be used in your session.

This booklet also includes **follow up** activities and
ideas for parents, carers and early years staff.



Signs of Autumn

When the birds fly south
(flap arms)

And the wind blows cool
(shiver)

And the green leaves **(make fists)** on the trees turn red. **(open fists)**

And the days grow shorter
(bring hands close together from far apart)

And the nights grow long
(separate hands from close together)

And Jack Frost freezes grass dead,
(point fingers straight up, then curl slowly)

Then summer is gone
(wave bye-bye)

And Autumn has come
(smile)



Leaf People



You will need: Dried leaves, Paper, Pens, Glue

Lay out your leaves until they look like a person.
When you are happy glue them to your paper and draw on a face if you like!

Leaf Rubbing Fairy

Autumn is a great time to take leaf rubbings and this is just one idea for how you might use them.

You will need: Crayons, Paper, Skin-tone card, Leaves, Glue stick, Pens.

Put the leaves under the paper, with the veins facing up, and, holding them still, rub over the paper with the side of your crayon so a picture of the leaf appears on the paper.

Cut out your leaves following the outline of the leaf shape. From the card cut out a body shape and draw on the face and hair. Use the leaf rubbings to make a dress and wings for your fairy and glue them to the body.



What else could you make with your leaf rubbings?

(Leaf People and Leaf Rubbing Fairy activities are just two of the many ideas which can be found online at <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/index.htm>)

Four Autumn Leaves

Four Autumn Leaves
In a big old tree
One blew away
And then there were three

Three little leaves
With nothing to do
Another blew away
And then there were two

Two little leaves
In the Autumn sun
One blew away
And then there was one

Being all alone
Wasn't much fun
The last one blew away
And then there were none.



Falling leaves

All the leaves are falling down,
Orange, yellow, red and brown.
Falling softly as they do,
Over me and over you.
All the leaves are falling down,
Orange, yellow, red and brown.



The Leaves on the trees

Sung to: "The Wheels on the Bus"

The leaves on the tree turn orange and brown,
orange and brown, orange and brown.
The leaves on the trees turn orange and brown,
All through the town.

The leaves on the trees come swirling down,
swirling down, swirling down.
The leaves on the trees come swirling down.
All through the town.

The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish,
Swish, swish, swish.
The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish,
All through the town.

(All songs above can be found at www.bigeyedowl.co.uk where you can find lots more songs and activities)

The Story of the Anxious Leaf

Once upon a time a little leaf was heard to sigh and cry, as leaves often do when a gentle wind is about. And the twig said, "What is the matter, little leaf?" And the leaf said, "The wind just told me that one day it would pull me off and throw me down to die on the ground!"

The twig told the branch on which it grew, and the branch told the tree. And when the tree heard it, it rustled all over, and sent back word to the leaf, "Do not be afraid. Hold on tightly, and you shall not go till you want to."



And so the leaf stopped sighing, but went on nestling and singing. Every time the tree shook itself and stirred up all its leaves, the branches shook themselves, and the little twig shook itself, and the little leaf danced up and down merrily, as if nothing could ever pull it off. And so it grew all summer long, till October.

And when the bright days of autumn came the little leaf saw all the leaves around becoming very beautiful. Some were yellow and some scarlet, and some striped with both colours. Then it asked the tree what was happening. And the tree said, "All these leaves are getting ready to fly away, and they have put on these beautiful colours because of joy."

Then the little leaf began to want to go, too, and grew very beautiful in thinking about it, and when it was very gay in colour it saw that the branches of the tree had no bright colour in them, and so the leaf said, "O branches! Why are you lead-coloured and we are golden?"

"We must keep on our work-clothes, for our life is not done - but your clothes are for holiday, because your tasks are over," said the branches.



Just then a little puff of wind came, and the leaf let go, without thinking of it, and the wind took it up and turned it over and over, and whirled it like a spark of fire in the air, and then it dropped gently down under the edge of the fence, among hundreds of other leaves, and fell into a dream.

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/fall/short-stories/the-anxious-leaf.html>