



Craft Activity

Theme: Seasons - Autumn

Intro: Autumn is one of the four seasons in Australia and begins on March 1 every year. The months of Autumn are March, April and May.

Craft activity: Handprint trees

Children will need: Paper, brown paint, paint brush, dried leaves, glue.

Instructions:

Paint your hand and wrist with brown paint and print onto a piece of paper. Glue a leaf to the top of each fingerprint to make your Handprint Tree.

Option: You could trace around your hand and colour it in or use brown paint to paint a tree before gluing on leaves.

Extension Idea: You can go for a walk outside and find 5 leaves to use for your tree. You can add further decoration e.g. make a bird in your tree with feathers, make crepe paper balls for gum nuts.

Fact: Did you know the days are shorter in Autumn as the Earth tips on an angle, so in Australia we get less sun.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world..

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Nature Play Playdough

You will need: Brown playdough, bowl/tray of nature pieces e.g. pine cones, bark, leaves, flowers, sticks, large gum nuts, small wood rounds.

Instructions:

Brown playdough, bowl/tray of nature pieces e.g. pine cones, bark, leaves, flowers, sticks, large gum nuts, small wood rounds. Place playdough and nature items on a table and let children be creative!

Outside activity: Leaf Hunt

Take a bucket or a basket and go for a group walk outside collecting leaves. When you return you could put them into a large shallow tray and look at all the different types of leaves. Return leaves to nature when you're finished or make a group leaf collage with children gluing leaves onto a large piece of cardboard.

Group time ideas:

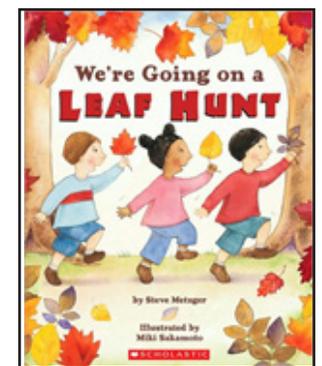
- Who knows what season it is?
- What are the other seasons of the year?
- What happens to leaves at Autumn time?

Today we did some activities using dried leaves and other items found in nature. We are also going to sing some songs about leaves today in our Sing-A-long.



Book Suggestions:

Fall Leaves Fall! By Zoe Hall, We're Going on a Leaf Hunt By Steve Metzger.





Ten Little Leaves

(finger rhyme)

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my nose!

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my toes!

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my head!

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
Yellow, orange and red!

Autumn

(Rhyme - teachingmama.org)

Autumn winds begin to blow, (blow)
Coloured leaves fall fast and slow, (fall motion with fingers)
Twirling, whirling, all around, (turn self around)
Till at last, they touch the ground. ((fall to the ground))

Autumn Leaves

(Tune: London Bridge)

Gentle breezes blow around, (wave both arms in the air)
Blow around, blow around.
Gentle breezes blow around,
In the Autumn!

Colourful leaves come falling down, (bring hands down to the ground)
Falling down, falling down.
Colourful leaves come falling down,
In the Autumn!

Take a rake and pile them up, (pretend to rake leaves and jump in)
Pile them up, pile them up.
Take a rake and pile them up,
And jump right in!



Ingredients:

Plain Flour

1 Cup

Salt

1/2 Cup

Cream of Tartar

1 Tablespoon

Cooking Oil

1 Tablespoon

Boiling Water

1 Cup

Food Colouring

1/2 - 1 Teaspoon

Directions:

- Mix together dry ingredients
- Mix food colouring and oil into water and slowly add to dry ingredients until dough forms
- Knead until smooth and stretchy
- Store in an air tight container in the fridge
- Add flavour essence, glitter or herbs for variation!

