

Communication & Language

- Participate in conversation.
- Use prepositions.
- Increase vocabulary.
- Pay attention while another is speaking.
- Recite some rhymes / enjoy repetition.
- Recall events from a story or experience.
- Follow two-step directions.

Physical Development

- Reach and bend.
- Use crayons, scissors and paintbrushes functionally.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Take risks.
- Choose activities.
- Make transitions from one activity to another easily.
- Help clean up after using materials.
- Play in small groups.
- Participate in Story Time and other group times.

Vocabulary

- apple
- apple sauce
- blossom
- bud
- crumple
- fruit
- leaf
- mash
- orange
- orchard
- pastry
- peel
- pick
- pulp
- pumpkin
- ripe
- root
- seed
- stem
- vine

Apples and Pumpkins- Learning Focus

Thematic Concepts

- Apples grow on trees and are ready to eat in the autumn.
- Apple sauce is made from apples using a sequence of steps.
- Apples come in different colours and shapes, have small, dark brown seeds and are often eaten raw.
- Different types of apples look and taste different from one another.
- Apples grow from apple seeds.

- Pumpkins ripen in autumn.
- Pumpkins are different from apples in many different ways.
- Pumpkins are orange, grow on vines and have many large, white seeds. They grow larger than apples and are usually cooked before they are eaten.
- Many food products are made from apples and pumpkins.
- Pumpkins grow from pumpkin seeds.

Literacy

- Show interest in stories or books.
- 'Read' some environmental signs and symbols.
- Recall events from a story.

Mathematics

- Count objects up to 10.
- Compare weights.
- Rote count to 10.
- Associate numbers 1 to 5 with corresponding numbers of objects
- Classify by two categories.

Understanding the World

- Use visual discrimination.
- Make simple inferences and predictions.
- Sequence events.
- Engage in symbolic representation.
- Know some simple science concepts (sink/float).

Expressive Arts and Design

- Create using a variety of art media.
- Enjoy creative movement.
- Pretend and imitate.

NOTE: Communication and Language development is a major focus in Curiosity Corner. This is best achieved through consistent teacher modelling, use of talk partners and co-operative learning strategies and encouraging children to work together.