

Communication & Language

- Tell or retell a simple story.
- Participate in conversations.
- Pay attention while another is speaking for an increasing length of time.
- Follow three -step instructions.
- Recite some rhymes with adult support.

Physical Development

- Build a structure with blocks.
- Dress self including fasteners.
- Attach an object with glue.
- Demonstrate increased hand-eye co-ordination.
- Demonstrate increased strength in fine motor activities.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Demonstrate initiative in activities.
- Make increasingly independent decisions.
- Choose from several activities.
- Show increasing skill in co-operative play.
- Participate in Story Time and other group times.
- Resolve simple conflicts using negotiation and discussion.

Vocabulary

acorn
autumn
bark
chestnut
chilly
circumference
collage
colour words (brown, green, orange, red, yellow)
conker
jagged
leaf
narrow
nut
pumpkin
rake
season
seed
smooth
squirrel
tree
trunk
wide

Autumn Antics- Learning Focus

Thematic Concepts

- Changes in weather occur during the autumn.
- Changes in plants occur during the autumn.
- Leaves, nuts and seeds fall from trees during autumn.

- People may change their activities and behaviour
- Squirrels and other animals gather food and prepare for the winter during autumn.
- Some birds fly to countries with warmer weather during autumn.

Literacy

- Write in linear scribbling
- Begin to associate letter sounds with letters.
- Identify some letter sounds in context.

Mathematics

- Sort by size (4 levels).
- Classify by two categories.
- Measure using non-standard units.
- Increase knowledge of measurement.
- Demonstrate one-to-one correspondence up to 5.

Understanding the World

- Recognise and name secondary colours.
- Demonstrate visual discrimination.
- Demonstrate scientific methods.
- Engage in symbolic representation.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore music and rhythm with increasing control.
- Experiment with and gain skill in using a variety of art materials.
- Take increasingly complex roles and leadership in dramatic play.

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