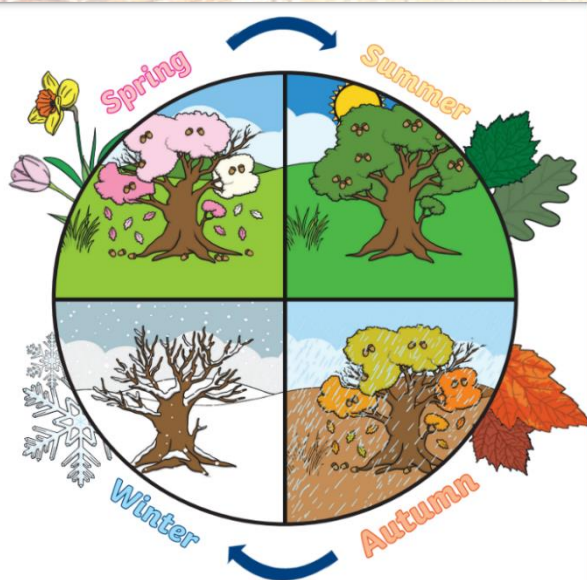


Reception Knowledge Organiser: Autumn

The Four Seasons

There are four seasons in a year; **spring**, **summer**, **autumn** and **winter**. During each season our weather and environment changes. This term we will be learning about **autumn**.



What happens in autumn?

Autumn is one of the four seasons. It takes place in **September, October and November**. In **autumn**, **leaves** change colour as they begin to **fall** from some trees. **Leaves** change from being green and can become **red, yellow, orange** or **brown**. In **autumn**, **conkers, leaves, pine cones** and **sycamore seeds** can be found in our environment. In autumn some birds **migrate** to warmer countries.



Autumn leaves changing colour



Playing outside in autumn is fun!

Key Vocabulary

conker – found in autumn, they are the brown, glossy seed of the horse chestnut tree

acorn – found in autumn, they are the seed of an oak tree

environment – everything that is living and non-living around us

weather – this is what the air and sky outside are like

migrate – when birds fly away to a warmer country

What I should already know

- Some of the different weather types, such as; rain, wind and sun
- To be able to name some natural features of our environment, such as; tree, leaf and the names of different animals
- To be able to talk about some of the things that happen in winter, spring and summer

What could you do in autumn?

- Make a leaf picture
- Go on an autumn walk
- Look for conkers, acorns and sycamore seeds
- Draw a picture of what you see in autumn
- Collect leaves and sort them by colour

Things you might find in the environment in autumn



Celebrations

What should I already know?

- To name some celebrations such as weddings and birthdays
- To be able to talk about what happens at Eid and who celebrates it
- To be able to talk about what a birthday is and how people may celebrate it
- The Christmas story

Key Vocabulary

celebrate – to do something special or enjoyable for an important event, occasion or holiday

festival – a gathering of people to celebrate something

tradition – events that people take part in at the same time every year and with the same people

Christmas

Christmas is celebrated every year on the 25th December. Many Christians celebrate this festival which remembers the birth of Jesus, who they believe was the son of God.

Many traditions include exchanging gifts, giving Christmas cards and sharing traditional foods such as mince pies and roast turkey. Lots of people also choose to decorate a Christmas tree.

Diwali

Diwali means 'rows of lights' in Sanskrit, which is an ancient Indian language. The festival is about light (or good) triumphing over dark (or evil), which is one reason why people light oil lamps.

Diwali is celebrated by Hindus and some Sikhs and Jains too. More than 800 million people celebrate the festival.

People exchange gifts and cook food during the festival. They also create colourful patterns known as Rangoli on the floor and set off fireworks!



A diya lamp



Rangoli patterns

Some mince pies



A decorated Christmas tree

Here is a poem about Diwali which we will be learning in class.

It's Diwali Tonight!

By John Foster

Everything's ready to greet the New Year.

Everything's bright with light.
Everyone's dressed up and full of joy.

It's Diwali tonight!

We've lit the lamps to show the way
Up to our front door.

We've sprinkled coloured powders to make
Pictures on the floor.

We've given each other gifts of sweets.

There's lots of delicious things to eat.

Things to do at home

- Make your own decorations and cards
- Make some traditional food such as mince pies or besan laddoo.
- Learn a traditional song for a festival.

