



Towerview Nursery Unit

Learning opportunities for October 2026

Theme: Autumn/Harvest

Personal, Social, Emotional Development	Language And Literature	Physical Development	Creative and Aesthetic Development	Early Mathematics	The World Around Us
Separating happily from carer. Building up confidence and relationships with staff and peers. Learning to take turns and share – E.g. during ball play outdoors. Participation in action songs and games (on own or in small groups) e.g. 5 little leaves. Becoming familiar with routines e.g. Tidy up, story time going out or home.	Vocabulary associated with the season e.g. Names of trees/leaves and their fruits e.g. horse chestnut and conkers. Language associated with Harvest/Halloween festivals, circles and games to promote language. Story time routine. Listening to seasonal stories & reciting rhymes. Responding to questions from adults.	Encouraging independence – use of the toilet. Looking after ones own possessions. E.g. Putting drawings in own box etc. Developing fine motor skills e.g. printing skills, finger painting, sponging, Rubbing using crayons etc. Throwing skills e.g. using basketball net & balls. Playing on climbing frame/slide safely.	Getting to know equipment and tools and where they are located in the room. Participating in the various activities offered voluntarily/eagerly e.g. printing, marbling, sponging, cutting & sticking. Understanding colours – autumn shades, orange and brown. Developing painting skills at table and experimenting with colours/shades.	Making comparisons e.g. colours / shapes / sizes of leaves. Encouraging sorting and matching shapes and colours. Learning about circles and counting games. Promoting maths language e.g. Talking about shapes, colours in nature and in Nursery environment. Using Numicon in play.	Exploring and understanding the properties of natural materials in Nursery E.g. sand, water. Becoming familiar with Nursery environment. Observation of birds & wildlife locally/collection of leaves, conkers, acorns etc. for Interest table. Visit by Ark Farm. Rainy Day play-puddle suits. Looking at how some trees change – leaves change colour & fall off. Celebrations at this time of year – Harvest.

