

LET'S TALK *Autumn*

TOP ACTIVITIES THIS TERM

- Autumn walks
- Pumpkin picking and carving
- Watching fireworks
- Spooky Stories
- Scarecrow trail
- Get creative

Stories to Share

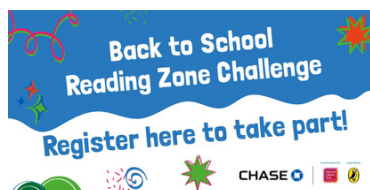
We know that reading to children has many benefits, one of which is promoting children's language. So get snuggled up with some great autumn reads.

EYFS, KS1 & 2

KS3

Don't forget to visit your local library to find these and more.....

Swindon Library Service



THIS AUTUMN SAY THE SOUNDS YOU SEE AND HEAR..

These are often motivating for children and easier to learn the meaning of; we naturally repeat them over and over crunch crunch (leaves), ooo (Halloween), drip drip (rain), wooooo (wind), splish splash (in puddles), crackle crackle (fire), weeeee bang (fire works), brrrr (cold), aahhhh (warm cuddles),



Singing

Sing songs together with an autumn theme

- The Autumn leaves are falling down
- Five little leaves
- Dingle Dangle scarecrow
- I'm a little hedgehog
- In a dark, dark wood
- I have a little spider
- Fireworks song

Remember to sing songs with your child, nothing beats your voice.

Learning New Words



AUTUMN VOCABULARY

Did you know a child starting school will have an average vocabulary of around 5000 words. This means between the ages of one and five, children will learn around 3.5 words per day (Hanen 2016)

- Autumn
- Windy
- Rain
- Leaves
- Red, Orange,
- Brown, Yellow
- Season
- Tree (Names of Trees)
- Harvest
- Rake
- Scarecrow
- Pumpkin
- Conker
- Acorn
- Foliage
- Pine cone
- Squirrel
- Hedgehog
- Hibernation
- Cobwebs
- Crunchy, spiky,
- Smooth, furry

Find signs for key vocabulary [here](#)

These Room on the Broom activity sheets will inspire your outdoor adventures and get the family talking.

From potions, wands, scavenger hunts and Autumn sounds
Visit [Forestry England](#)

Curious Questions

Be curious together and start conversations with your children. Enjoy trying to find the answers. Start with “I wonder”...

- Why leaves change colour in Autumn?
- Why we celebrate bonfire night?
- Why does it start getting darker earlier in Autumn?
- What happens to leaves after they fall from the trees?
- Why fireworks make such a loud noise?

Mind Mapping

Mind maps are a fun way for all ages to explore a topic, introduce new vocabulary and see how things link together.

Use drawings, colour, real objects and pictures.

Search ‘Autumn mind maps’ for loads of ideas

