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Celebrating Autumn



It's Autumn and the leaves on the trees will soon be giving us a wonderfully colourful display. As you travel around in the next week or two see how many different shades of green, gold, orange and red you can see in the leaves. One way to enjoy all these colours is to collect fallen leaves and use them to make pictures.

An Autumn Leaf Collage

Collect some different shaped leaves and trace round some of them. Colour in those outlines and cut them out. Stick them onto a background sheet



You could also lay some leaves flat on the sheet of paper and use poster paints to carefully paint over them to leave an outline of the leaf on the paper. You could then stick the paint covered leaves and the clean ones on to your collage.

Do you live near a park or somewhere where there are lots of fallen leaves? Perhaps you could join with some friends and create your own leaf maze on the grass. It could be in a simple spiral shape like the one in the picture.



Autumn Wordsearch

A D P R N H B F R T S S E A B C P U M P K I N
B C H A R V E S T M K L Y U J G P H G A E S T
T F C K M D Y I D M C H I L L Y M F V W F Z I
E E L E A V E S Y H G R S I Q J Q H F P O E E
R B I A G O O P N V C U D J K T T J A C K E T
E P Y Y E W P I G C M N D B A G H L L B V E A
F P P A V C G C D E K W I R E D T T L X X Z B
E R J C S N Q E A A M Y U I Q N U K I D C B L
N J K O I M P E V B D G G S Z U S Q J L G H E
P K Y R T J C Q Q E T U R K E Y F G F A H U F
A T L N S R I G G H T G R E A S F P H P C D D
C A E N F L F C O L O R S A D C P L N P M I M
C P R S T A K I W B F D V C T R D I N L O G J
O J D Z P F Y D N V T C E O O C T O B E R R T
R K I M V J C E Q Q U N B Y C R J S X Z O P H
N O V E M B E R R N V E A C O U F R O S T X Z

Find and circle the list of words.

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| Acorn | Corn | October |
| Apple | Frost | Pumpkin |
| Brisk | Harvest | Rake |
| Chilly | Jacket | |
| Cider | Leaves | |
| Colours | November | |

Pumpkin is one of the words in the wordsearch and on the next page you can read something about a different way of carving a pumpkin.

October 31st is traditionally “HALLOWEEN”- or All Hallows Eve (Hallows means Saints). 1st November is All Hallows Day (or All Saint’s Day) when we celebrate special religious people whose actions shone the light of Christ into the world. A Halloween tradition used to be to hollow out turnips to make lanterns but now we have adopted the American idea of carving pumpkins. The faces in them were said to frighten away witches and other unwelcome visitors. But instead of trying to scare people away, why not carve your pumpkin with a friendly face and as you do you could recite the following prayer:



Here’s a thought:- Is it right to go and knock on people’s doors and demand to be given a treat, or a trick will be played on those people?

A few years ago, a group of children began an alternative idea.

They produced a little leaflet which said:

“Hello.

We have come to your house tonight to offer you treats rather than demand them from you. We hope you have a lovely evening.

With best wishes.”

They then stuck two individually wrapped chocolates on each of the notes.

There was no dressing up and they would not knock on the doors, simply post the notes through the letterboxes.

Some of the recipients of the leaflets saw the children delivering them, recognised them, and the next day the family had many very happy responses.

Would you consider doing something like this, or a kind idea of your own?

Dear Jesus, as I carve my pumpkin hear my prayer.

As you cut off the top say:

Lord open my mind so I can learn about you.

Scoop out the inside:

Take all the wrong things I have done and forgive me.

Cut eye shapes like hearts:

Open my eyes so your love I will see.

Cut a nose in the shape of a cross:

I’m sorry for all the times I’ve turned up my nose at what you’ve given me.

Cut ears shaped like a bible:

Open my ears so that I will hear your words.

Cut a mouth in the shape of the Christian fish:

Open my mouth to tell others about you.

Place a candle or battery operated light inside:

Let your light shine in all that I say and do.

Amen

Autumn is also a time when the birds move from one country to another to find a warmer home for the winter. Swallows from here fly all the way to Africa. But did you know that some come here from colder countries?

One such bird is the Canada Goose and below is a puzzle to lead the goose to his new lake.

