

**Topic Title**: Spooky Fruit **Year Group**: 1 **Academic Year**: 2021-2022 (Autumn 1)

## Science Intent: To make simple observations and discuss the key features of Autumn.

| Prior Scientific Learning/Linked Topics: Early Learning Goals  | Literacy Links (including texts/media used):  Pumpkin Soup, Meg's Veg, Oliver's Vegetables, The Enormous Turnip, Funny Bones                                       |   | Maths Links: Shapes Measuring number bonds Place value 0-10 |   |   |  |
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| Scientific Knowledge   | Working Scientifically   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | Observing and Measuring over time  | Identifying grouping  | g, classifying and  | Comparative and fair testing (controlled investigations)  | Research  |  |
| To say what I am looking for and what I am measuring.  Use simple observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions- We had a discussion about the seasons and the weather associated with each season. | Begin to observe closely, using simple equipment.  -observations of the weather -observations looking at pumpkinsTalking about Pumpkins and why they are linked to | Identify the different aspects of Autumn, classifying what is classed as Autumn and what is not. Using these Autumn objects to create an autumnal picture.  Autumn collage- go on a woodland walk, create a picture |   | What are scarecrows for? What are they made out of? Comparative investigations by looking at the weather and going on a weather hunt. | What do we celebrate in October? What are scarecrows for? |  |
| Begin to talk about what they have found out and how they found it out-  | harvest and Autumn Questions that the children   |   |   |   | To begin to use simple secondar                           |  |



| observe changes across the four  | are asked to think about:   | from items on the floor. | sources to find   |
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| seasons  |   |                          | answers.  |
| Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.  - Children to learn about the different seasons and the weather associated with that season.  - Being able to explain the similarities and differences in the seasons.  - Big focus on Autumn, going on Autumn walks. Looking at the weather and signs of Autumn e.g. pinecones, conkers etc. | Where do Pumpkins grow?  How do pumpkins grow?  What are pumpkins used for?  What shape and colour is a pumpkin?  What are scarecrows used for? |                          | To begin to find information to help me from books and computers with help. |

## Content:

Discussion about what seasons are and what is meant by seasons.

- Children to look at the four seasons of the year- discussion about the weather associated with each season. The children matched the seasonal pictures to the correct picture. This allowed the children to discuss what they thought and identify the correct weather associated with each season.
- As a class- discussion about the 4 seasons and the weather associated with each season. The children also learnt which months of the year are within each season.
- During this term, the main season that we looked at was Autumn. The children discussed the similarities and differences to the other seasons- the



children went on a woodland walk and created a woodland autumnal picture based on what items they had found. They discussed the different weather associated with different seasons.

- Speak about Autumn and Harvest- the children discuss the role of the scarecrow and what it needed to be made from and what the purpose of the scarecrow was.
- The children as a class will design and made a scarecrow to put in the school vegetable patch. We would discuss what the scarecrows needed to be made from, we discussed the purpose of the scarecrow.

## Key Vocabulary:

Animal body parts
Animal groups
Omnivore, carnivore, herbivore
Pumpkin, vegetable patch, harvest, change of season
Weather, seasons, winter
Observation, classify, discuss, equipment, rain gauge, measure
Raining, longer evenings