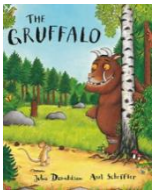
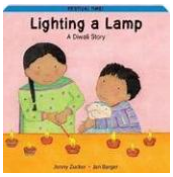
St Paul's Catholic Primary School
Nursery Medium Term Planning Unit 3

Subject Domain	**Science – seasons - Autumn**
Key Concept to be developed over one whole year.	The world around us changes throughout the year. We notice different seasons, weather, plants, and animals as time passes.
Topic Title	Autumn
Educational Programme	Understanding the World Communication & Language
Time allocation	4 weeks
What to say to encourage the children to be little historians **What to say to encourage the children to be little weather scientists**	Weather scientists learn about the weather . They look at the sky and see if it is: Sunny – Rainy – Windy – Cloudy – Snowy In autumn, we can look for signs of the season. Leaves change colour. Leaves fall from the trees. The weather gets cooler. We can use our eyes, ears and hands to explore the weather. What can you see? Can you feel the wind? Is the air warm or cold? **Information for adults**: The Earth moves around the Sun. As the year goes by, we have different seasons. Sometimes it is warm and sunny, and sometimes it is cold and frosty. We call these seasons spring, summer, autumn, and winter. In autumn, the leaves change colour and fall from the trees. As the seasons change, the world around us changes too.
Key Vocabulary	- tree - leaf - grass - branches - acorn - conker - nut - pine cone. - season

	- weather - sun - day - night - rain - wind - Autumn
Questions:	What can you see? What colour is the leaf? Is the leaf big or small? What has happened to the leaves? What colour were the leaves before?
Nouns:	- Pumpkin - Soup - hedgehog - Squirrel - Friend - Pot - Spoon - Kitchen - Home - Chair - Table - Autumn - Leaf - Leaves - Tree - Acorn - Conker - Wind - Rain - Harvest - Season - Hibernation - Nest

Verbs **Adjectives:** **Comparatives**	- fall - blow - rain - change - grow - collect - look - listen - touch - crunch - hibernate - colourful - crunchy - windy - rainy - sunny - cloud, - wet - dry - cold - cool - prickly - dark - light Heavier/lighter Warmer/colder

Five-a-Day books **One book per week to be read 5 times per day** **Five a day text:** 1. The Leaf Thief 2. Lighting a Lamp: A Diwali Story 3. The Gruffalo 4. It was a Cold Dark Night	**1.**  **2.**  **3.**  **4.** 
Objective What do you want the children to know, understand and be able to do?	**Over the whole year:** To understand there are four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter. We live on Earth. In autumn, we can see the world around us changing. The weather gets colder. The days get shorter and it gets dark earlier. Leaves change colour and fall from the trees. Squirrels collect nuts. Hedgehogs get ready to hibernate. We can find acorns, conkers, and colourful leaves.
Activities for children to undertake related to Autumn	Complete a daily class weather chart and talk about how the weather changes. Go on an autumn walk around the school grounds or local park to spot signs of autumn. Tick off signs of autumn on a checklist and draw what you find. Collect, sort, compare and label autumn treasures such as leaves, acorns, conkers and nuts. Explore and investigate different types of leaves and talk about their colours, shapes and sizes. Find out how animals prepare for winter. Learn about hibernation and make hedgehog or squirrel homes.
Enrichment	Parents to take their children on an autumnal walk to collect natural treasures. Invite a gardener, farmer, or wildlife expert to visit. Create an autumn sensory tray with leaves, conkers, acorns, and pine cones. Build hedgehog homes in the outdoor area. Birdwatching and making bird feeders.

	Plant spring bulbs for children to observe over time.
Continuous Provision - Enhancements- Role Play	Autumn Café Witches Kitchen (Halloween) Woodland animals (hedgehogs, squirrels, foxes, owls) Children collect autumn items during an autumn walk and sort them into groups. Autumn collage using natural materials Autumn scavenger hunt Mud kitchen harvest recipes Bird feeder station
Expressive Arts and Design	Leaf prints. Leaf rubbings Leaf collage Pinecone painting and printing Apple and vegetable printing