# Suggested activities with autumn leaves

## Art and craft

* Leaf prints – dip dry leaves in paint, and use them to make prints.
* Leaf rubbings – put a leaf under a pieces of paper, and rub the paper with a crayon (this works better with green leaves)
* Use leaves as paint brushes
* Glue a leaf on a piece of paper, and use pens to draw arms, legs and a head to make a leg person. Can also be done to make animals.
* Paint a piece of paper using red, yellow and brown paints. Once it is dry, draw a leaf shape on the back and cut it out. Use the leaves to make a mural.
* Make a leaf wreath. – get the children to collect leaves, twigs, seeds and acorns. Cut out the centre of a paper plate, and have the children paint the plate rim brown. Once it is dry, glue on the collected leaves and other items

## Science and Maths

* Get each child to grab a handful of leaves, and then count how many leaves they grabbed. Record each amount. Compare the results. Ask a child to estimate how many they will grab on their next go.
* Have children collect different types of leaves from outside. Ask them to group them. Can they group them by colour, shape, size? Can they make a graph of their results?
* Collect leaves from outside. Ask the children to line them up from smallest to biggest.
* Have a leaf race across the table by blowing on a dry leaf with a straw.
* Set out a selection of leaves with two of each type. Ask the children to find the matching pairs.
* Collect leaves of different shapes. Trace around them onto paper. Place the leaves next to the paper, and ask the child to place the appropriate leaf over the tracing.

## Games and snacks

* Make a leaf fishing game by making a fishing rod from a wooden spoon and some string with a magnet attached to the end. Attach a paper clip to each leaf (either paper ones or preserved real ones), and ask the children to catch certain leaves with their fishing rods.
* Leaf cookies – use leaf shaped cutters to make biscuits with the children. Once baked decorate them with red, yellow, orange and brown icing.

## Music

* A leaf song (to the tune of row, row, row the boat):

Leaves, leaves, falling down

Falling on the ground

Red and Orange

Yellow and Brown

Falling on the ground

* Another leaf song (to the tune of Mary had a little lamb)

Leaves are falling on the ground

On the ground

On the ground

Leaves are falling on the ground

Red, yellow, green and brown.

* Another leaf song (sung to here we go round the mulberry bush)

This is the way we crunch the leaves, (*march in on the spot*)

Crucnh the leaves, crunch the leaves

This is the way we crunch the leaves

One early Autumn morning

This is the way we rake the leaves (*make big raking gesture)*

Rake the leaves, rake the leaves

This is the way we rake the leaves

One early autumn morning

This is the way we bag the leaves (*pretend to put leaves in bags)*

Bag the leaves, bag the leaves

This is the way we bag the leaves

One early Autumn Morning