

All About Autumn



What is Autumn?



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In countries in the northern hemisphere, such as the United Kingdom, autumn takes place in the months of September, October and November.



Weather in Autumn

The weather changes all the time in autumn. The weather gets cooler and days can be windy and wet. Some days can still be sunny and golden.



sunny



frosty



rainy



misty



windy

What clothes
should we wear
in autumn?



Colourful Trees



Some leaves on trees start to change colour and fall off in autumn. These trees are called **deciduous**.

Leaves can turn from green to orange, yellow, brown and even red.

The leaves change colour because there is less light in autumn for the trees to keep making their leaves green.

Did you know that the word deciduous means **to fall off or down**?



Seeds From Trees



During autumn, seeds on trees ripen. This means they are ready to make a new plant, so they fall to the ground.



Some seeds fall to the ground in hard, spiky shells which then split open. These shells help to protect the seeds.



You may see some seeds twirling in the winds like helicopter blades.



Do you know the names of any of these seeds?

Have you ever played with conkers?



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Mice and squirrels collect lots of nuts and acorns. They hide them in the ground to eat during the winter.

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Some birds **migrate** in autumn. This means they fly to warmer places to live until the spring.

Hibernation

When the weather is cold and food is harder to find, some creatures decide to hibernate and enjoy a big winter sleep.

Hedgehogs make cosy nests to hibernate in. They make them inside compost heaps, in leaves or in the roots of trees.



Harvest Time



Harvesting happens in autumn.

It is a very busy time for farmers.

Harvesting means to collect anything that has been planted and grown in the ground like wheat, beetroot, potatoes, leeks, onion and carrots.

Some people celebrate this time of year with a **Harvest Festival**. It is a time to be thankful for all the food that they have grown.



