

Autumn 2016 – Half-term challenges



Create an autumn nature name plaque

Using autumn leaves, acorns etc, make a name plaque for yourself or a friend to put on the bedroom door

1hr

Plan an indoor picnic

It may be autumn and a bit chilly outside, but picnics are such fun, so why not invite some friends around for an indoor picnic? You will need to plan a menu including sandwiches, snacks and drinks, make the food, lay it all out on a picnic blanket (make sure it looks lovely), then when your friends arrive, you can enjoy your delicious food.

Up to 2hrs

Make a witch's broom

Using fallen tree branches, twigs and some rope or twine, see if you can make a witch's broom. Once you've made it, try it out and sweep up some leaves in the garden

1hr

Decorate a room for Halloween

Make your own ghost, witches hat or bat paperchains, glue paper 'bones' onto a black bin bag to make a skeleton.

See if you can come up with some other ideas to make a room spooky enough for a Halloween party.

Up to 3hrs

Build a playdough woodland scene

Plan out a design on paper first of all, and then create a woodland scene. This could include trees, ferns, rope swings, toadstools, fairies, or perhaps even deer and rabbits. Use your imagination, and see what you can create!

If you don't have any playdough, ask an adult to help you make some using the recipe below:

1 cup plain (all-purpose) flour
½ cup salt
2 tablespoons cream of tartar
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup water with food colouring added
1 teaspoon vanilla essence (optional but it makes the play dough smell nice!)

Put all the ingredients into a large saucepan, and stir over a medium heat until the dough forms into a ball. Allow to cool, and then knead until smooth.

Store in an airtight container or freezer bag

Up to 2hrs