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RESOURCES

## Autumn program

### Opening, welcome, flag break

#### Game: seasons

Name each wall of the hall a season: Summer, Winter, Autumn, Spring. When the Leader calls a season, the Joeys must run to the wall given that name. When the Leader calls "leaves are falling" all Joeys flutter to the floor and fall down. When the Leader calls "rake the leaves" the Joeys pretend to rake the leaves into a pile in the middle of the hall.

#### Discussion

Empty a garbage bag of leaves into the middle of the hall and allow the Joeys to inspect the different leaves. Compare the colours, sizes, shapes and textures.

Discuss with the Joeys the reasons trees have leaves, and why some trees lose their leaves and others do not. Use books and pictures to illustrate to the Joeys what is meant. Ask them to choose five favourite leaves from the pile.

#### Activity

Have four different activities for the Joeys to complete. (They may not finish them all.)

##### Foil wall hangings

Ask the Joeys to choose their favourite leaf, one with lots of veins. They then glue the leaf (face down, veins up) on an off-cut MDF, floorboard of other thin timber. Spread contact adhesive over the leaf and board and cover it with a sheet of aluminium foil. Fold the excess foil under the board. They then very carefully rub over the leaf until the veins and leaf shape are outlined in the foil. Glue cord to the rear of the board for Joey to hang on their wall at home.

##### Autumn placemats

Have Joeys place leaves on a piece of card or paper. Laminate or cover with clear contact.

##### Crayon patterns

The Joeys place a leaf on the table (veins up), cover with a piece of paper and lightly rub over the leaf with a crayon to show the veins and the leaf shape.

##### Mural

Use a large piece of paper, suitable for a mural. Have the Joeys draw trees on it and glue leaves to the trees to create an autumn scene

### Story, poem, song suitable for program theme

#### Closing ceremony

Prayer/Special thoughts book

Notices and goodnight

A bag of autumn leaves, nature book, aluminium foil, quantity of photocopy paper, cord, glue, timber off-cuts, large sheet paper, crayons, laminator or clear contact.