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Welcome to the latest Educational Visits digital magazine bringing you news and updates on what is happening for schools and families in your region during Autumn. Hopefully you have all had a lovely summer getting back to some normality after an extremely challenging 18 months.

October Half Term, Halloween and Bonfire night will soon be upon us (we won't mention Christmas yet) and we hope that this magazine gives you and your family some inspiration of exciting things to do and places to visit on your doorstep. If you are able, please support your local businesses to help them get back on track and feel free to tell friends and colleagues about this publication so that they too are aware of exactly what is happening in your area. As always, please follow all guidance to stay safe and we hope you have a fantastic time this Autumn.

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COP26 - Together For Our Planet

Glasgow Scottish Event Campus (SEC) is hosting the 26th Conference of the Parties, known as COP26, from Sunday 31st October – Friday November 12th 2021.

With delegates from all over the world expected to attend, COP26 is designed to produce an international response to the climate emergency. Glasgow is a perfect host with a carbon neutral target of 2030 and a city rating of 4th in the world in the Global Destination Sustainability Index.

We think that now, more than ever, is a vital time to be talking about this all important issue. Our advertisers agree and they will be contributing to an online discussion throughout 2021 about how global warming is affecting them but just as importantly, the positive things they are doing to help eradicate it. We would love to hear from you and how your school is helping. Do send us information that we can post on social media as the more schools that join in the debate the better. As well as discussing global issues, we will also be promoting what is happening near you. So make sure that you are following us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Tell us what articles you like and what you want to hear about, feedback is always welcome whether it be positive or negative. We share events, competitions, offers and the latest news from all our favourite places so make sure you are in the know by following us on social media and on <https://www.educationalvisitsuk.com/>



Discover an array of museums and places to visits, together with the latest information on our website www.educationalvisitsuk.com.

Updated throughout the year with blogs, educational workshops as well as events and new listings, the www.educationalvisitsuk.com website brings together everything to make planning your next educational adventure effortless. We have combined the website with School Trips UK, our sister site, that offers bespoke school trips, this will make it easier for you to choose whether you want to book and organise your school trip yourself or decide to use our services and let us take the strain of organising and planning your next adventure!

Listings for over 200 attractions and accommodation from all over England and Wales that we think are perfect for school trips or education groups. You will also find more information about each attraction including the key stages/ages catered for and subjects as well as the facilities they have including accessibility.

Direct links to each advertiser's website for ease of booking or making an enquiry.

TripAdvisor ratings for each attraction so you can see what other teachers think before you book.

An active events page which lets you know special events and exhibitions that are going on – check back regularly so as not to miss a thing!

A compelling blog, written by our team with contributions from our advertisers ensures that our articles have the latest news to continually inspire you throughout the year.

www.educationalvisitsuk.com

Spotlight on Durham

The historic city of Durham sits south of Newcastle on the banks of the River Wear. Its geographical position meant that it has been an important city in the defence of England throughout history, especially in defence against the Scots. The city has been known by other names over the centuries namely Dun Holm and Dunelm before taking on its current name. Industries that have been prevalent in the city include carpet making, weaving and coal mining. With 569 listed buildings in the centre of Durham alone, this area has been designated a conservation area.

Don't Miss

Durham Cathedral – also known as the Cathedral Church of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Cuthbert of Durham, was founded in AD 1093 and is widely regarded as one of the finest cathedrals in Europe. With Museum Tours and Events on throughout the year, it's an inspiring place to visit day or night.

River Cruise – take a spectacular cruise on the river and get an alternate way of seeing the amazing views of the Cathedral, Castle and bridges.

Durham Castle – built in 1072 under the orders of William the Conqueror, this Norman castle has been occupied ever since and is now home to the students of University College (part of Durham University). Tours are available when students are not in residence.

Adventure Valley – the North East's biggest family adventure park with over 50 attractions for kids of all ages. With an Indoor Play Town, activities, shows and an undercover Farmyard, there is something to whatever the weather.

Durham Regatta – referred to as the Henley of the North, the Regatta has been held every June on the river since 1834 and is the second oldest in the UK after Chester. The annual event is not just about the boat racing with almost 10,000 spectators also enjoying the live music, food and atmosphere all along the riverbank.

Interesting Facts

On the main door of Durham Cathedral is the Sanctuary Knecker. Historically, fugitives who grasped the knecker were granted 37 days of sanctuary.

Durham Castle is the only Norman castle that has never been breached. It has also been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1986, along with Durham Cathedral.

Legend says that Durham was not bombed during the second world war due to the 'St Cuthbert Mist'. This states that the Luftwaffe attempted to bomb Durham in 1942 but were thwarted when some kind of mist was created to cover the cathedral and castle from bombing.

Adventure Valley is home to Guinness World record holder Bertie, officially the fastest tortoise in the world. As an aside, one of the Office team once bought a pair of tortoiseshell shoes. It took them 3 days to walk out of the shop!



Spotlight on 'The Toon'

Newcastle upon Tyne is the most populous city in the North East of England. Now a centre for science, finances and art, Newcastle used to be an area synonymous with coal mining, ship building, munitions, engineering and manufacturing. In more recent times, it has received the 'friendliest city in the UK' award and achieved third place in the Tripadvisor Traveller's Best Nightlife Destination in Europe, only behind London and Berlin. People from Newcastle are called Geordies and they have a reputation as having a quite individual local dialect, being very friendly and being extremely passionate about their football team.

Don't Miss

Hadrian's Wall Path – the 83-mile wall path runs through Newcastle city centre. Walking the full distance isn't compulsory!

Tyne Bridge/Gateshead Millennium Bridge – very much a symbol of the city, the Tyne Bridge had the largest arch of any bridge at the time of its opening in 1928. In contrast, the modern Gateshead Millennium Bridge can be crossed on foot or bike and has a very unique curvature.

Victoria Tunnel – an underground attraction is the 2 ½ mile long Victoria Tunnel. This runs beneath the city and a large section can be seen by pre bookable guided tour.

Grey's Monument – at 135 foot high, this imposing column was built in memory of the former Prime Minister and second Earl Grey. It has a viewing platform that is occasionally open to members of the public capable of climbing the 164 steps.

The Great North Museum – the place to visit if you love natural history with interactive zones, a Hadrian's Wall gallery and Ancient Egypt and Greek sections.

Seven Stories - for the bookworms, this is the National Centre for Children's Books with works by over 250 authors including Enid Blyton and Phillip Pullman.

Life Science Centre – a fantastic family day out with activities and exhibits for all ages. And it has a Planetarium! For more information on Life see page 9.

Interesting Facts

Newcastle was called Pons Aelius in Roman Times and Monk Chester in the Saxon period.

Newcastle was part of the county of Northumberland until 1400.

In the year 1636, approximately 47% of Newcastle's population died of the plague.

The boat that rescued Titanic survivors in 1912, RMS Carpathia, was built in a River Tyne shipyard.

The most imported British Ale in America is Newcastle Brown Ale.

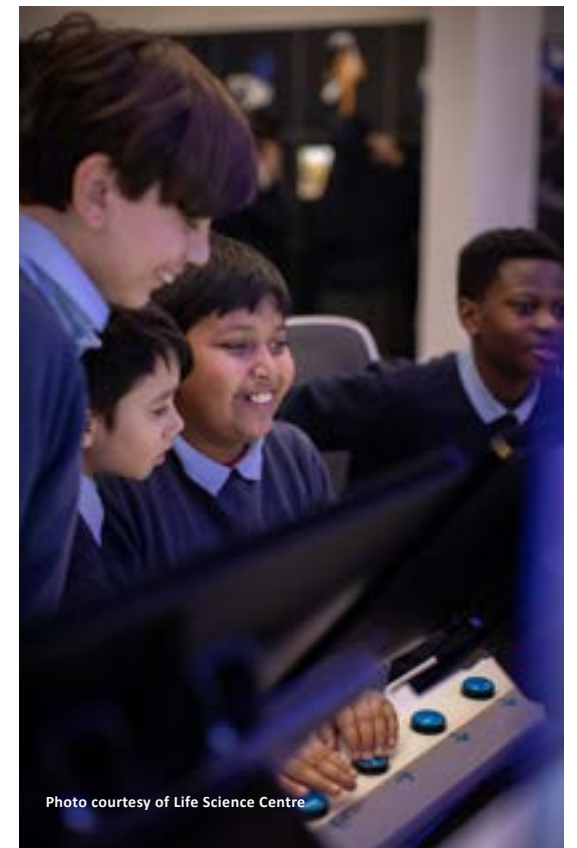


Photo courtesy of Life Science Centre

Kids Days Out - Events

Below is a list of great days out over the coming weeks for Autumn events listed by county. Always check the website of the place you are visiting before you go so that you are fully aware of the opening times, booking procedures and any restrictions that may still be in place.

CO DURHAM

Museum of the Moon (day and night)

Selected dates until 11 November

Durham Cathedral

Durham DH1 3EH

<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on/museum-of-the-moon-2021>

Aurora Night

Selected dates until 19 December

Grassholme Observatory

West Pasture, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0PW

<https://www.grassholmeobservatory.com/whats-on/an-introduction-to-astronomy/>

An Introduction to Astronomy

Selected dates until 29 December

Grassholme Observatory

West Pasture, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0PW

<https://www.grassholmeobservatory.com/whats-on/an-introduction-to-astronomy/>

Harvest Festival

12 - 13 October

Beamish Living Museum

Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG

<https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/>

Adventure Valley's Pumpkin Festival

16, 17 and 23 - 31 October

Adventure Valley

Union Hall Farm, Brasside, Durham, DH1 5SG

<https://www.adventurevalley.co.uk/october-pumpkin-festival/>

Harry Panto - Return to Frogwarts

24 October

Spectrum Leisure Centre, Willington,

Hunwick Lane, Willington, County Durham, DL15 0JA

www.spectrumleisurecentre.com

Half Term Family Activities

25 - 31 October

Durham Cathedral

Durham DH1 3EH

<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on/moon-family-activities-oct-21>

After Dark Halloween Trail

29 - 30 October

Raby Castle

Raby Park, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH

<https://www.raby.co.uk/>

Spooky Family Fun Day

30 October

Bowes Museum

Newgate, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP

<https://www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk/Whats-On/Events>

Halloween at Ushaw: Illuminated Trail

30 - 31 October

Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels and Gardens

Durham, DH7 9RH

<https://www.ushaw.org/>

Fireworks Extravaganza

3 November (4 - 5 Nov sold out)

Beamish Hall Country House Hotel

Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0YB

<https://www.beamish-hall.co.uk/north-east-firework-night/>

Pyromusical at 11 Arches

6 November

11 Arches Park

Flatts Farm, Toronto, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7SF

<https://www.11arches.com/tickets/pyromusical>

Forest of Light

12 November 2021 – 16 January 2022

Beamish Hall Country House Hotel

Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0YB

<https://www.beamish-hall.co.uk/>

NORTHUMBERLAND

Jesting with Zooted

9 - 10 October

Alnwick Castle

Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 1NG

<https://www.alnwickcastle.com/>

Berwick Literary Festival

14 - 17 October

The Walls

Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DF

<https://berwickliteraryfestival.com/>

Halloween Spooktacular

16, 17 and 23 - 31 October

Whitehouse Farm Centre

Whitehouse Farm Centre, Morpeth, NE61 6AW

<https://www.whitehousefarmcentre.co.uk/>

Tynedale Gift Fair

18 - 19 October

Matfen Hall Hotel

Matfen, Northumberland, NE20 0RH

<https://10times.com/tynedale-gift-fair>

Daytime Halloween Trail

23 - 31 October

The Alnwick Gardens

Greenwell Road Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1HB

<https://www.alnwickgarden.com/>

Pumpkin Trail

23 - 31 October

Woodhorn Museum

QEII Country Park, Ashington, NE63 9YF

<https://museumsnorthumberland.org.uk/woodhorn-museum/>

Berwick Bat Trail

23 - 31 October

Berwick Museum and Art Gallery

Berwick Barracks, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1DQ

<https://museumsnorthumberland.org.uk/berwick-museum-art-gallery/>

Spooky Skull Trail

23 - 31 October

Hexham Old Gaol

Hallgate, Hexham NE46 3NH

<https://museumsnorthumberland.org.uk/hexham-old-gaol/>

The Famous Scarycrow Trail

25 - 31 October

Ford and Etal Estates

Cornhill-on-Tweed, TD12 4TJ

<https://www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/events/the-famous-scarycrow-trail/>

The Scare Garden (over 13 yrs)

28 - 31 October

The Alnwick Gardens

Greenwell Road Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1HB

<https://www.alnwickgarden.com/>

Kids Days Out - Events



NORTHUMBERLAND Cont...

Bonfire Night with REM tribute

5 November
Morpeth Town A.F.C
Craik Park Stadium, Morpeth NE61 2YX
<https://www.visitnorthumberland.com/explore/seasons/autumn/bonfire-night>

Blyth Fireworks Festival

6 November
Blyth Beach
Mermaid Carpark, Blyth NE24 3PL
<https://www.facebook.com/events/928391204456696>

TEESSIDE

Toddler Tales and Trails- We're going on a Pumpkin Hunt

13 & 16 October
Hardwick Park
A177, Sedgfield, Stockton-on-Tees TS21 2DN
www.durham.gov.uk

Magical Creatures and Pop Up Pumpkin Patch

23 - 31 October
Preston Park Museum & Grounds
Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3RH.
www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk

Tornado and Flying Scotsman Steam Train

27 October
Tornado Railtours
Middlesbrough/Yarm
<https://m.facebook.com/events/780392739180247>

Spook-tacular stories & fancy dress prizes

30 - 31 October
Newham Grange Farm
Wykeham Way, Middlesbrough, TS8 0TG
www.newhamgrangefarm.co.uk

Not So Spooky Monster Bash

31 October
Middlesbrough Town Hall
Albert Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2QJ
www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk

Family Friendly Bonfire

7 November
EDGE Venue
Castlegate Mill, Riverside, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 1BZ
<https://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Stockton-on-tees/EDGE-Venue/Family-Friendly-Bonfire-Night-Event-/35889709/>

TYNE AND WEAR

Psycho-Path presents Fear Ground

1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31 October &
The Big Blaze - 6 November
Lintz Hall Farm, Burnopfield,
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE16 6AS
www.psycho-path.co.uk

What LURKS Beneath

2 - 31 October
WWT Washington Wetland Centre
Pattinson, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 8LE
www.wwt.org.uk

Spooky Science

2 - 31 October (Open only weekends until 23 October)
Life Science Centre
Times Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4EP
www.life.org.uk

Spooky Autumn

9, 10, 16, 17 and 23-31 October
Life Science Centre International Centre for Life
Times Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4EP
<https://www.life.org.uk/visit>

Villaneous Wizards Afternoon Tea

23, 29 and 31 October (other dates sold out)
Seven Stories
30 Lime Street, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 2PQ
<https://www.sevenstories.org.uk/whats-on?page=2>

Drawing Daemons

23 - 24 October
Seven Stories, The Centre for Children's Books
Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books,
Ouseburn, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
www.sevenstories.org.uk

Halloween at the Castle

25 - 31 October
Newcastle Castle
The Black Gate, Castle garth, Newcastle NE1 1RQ
<https://www.newcastlecastle.co.uk/whats-on>

BALTIC Family Days

27 - 31 October
BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art
Gateshead NE8 3BA
<https://baltic.art/whats-on/family-activities>

Nature Fright Nights!

29 - 31 October
Washington Wetland centre
Pattinson, Washington, Tyne and Wear NE38 8LE
<https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/washington/>

Fireworks & Fun Fair Race night

5 November
Newcastle Racecourse
High Gosforth Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5HP
www.newcastle-racecourse.co.uk

Bonfire and Firework Extravaganza

6 November
Blaydon RFC
Crow Trees, Hexham Road, Swalwell, NE16 3BN
www.blaydonrfc.co.uk



Bring Science to Life



At Life Science Centre, our unique and engaging programme of workshops and story-telling sessions take place in our amazing science centre and lab spaces, and have been designed to reflect current and relevant STEM topics which are linked to the national curriculum.

From Key Stage 1 through to Post-16, Life provides the ideal environment for all students to flourish. We aim to ignite students' imaginations and inspire a curiosity for science and the world around them; creating a meaningful relationship with science that could last a lifetime.

As well as space, human biology and engineering, students can explore climate change, put their maths skills to the test and find out more about exciting STEM jobs that could be for them – all with a North East connection.

Life promises...

- Exciting, relevant, and **interactive STEM experiences** that cannot be replicated in the classroom, delivered by an inspirational team.
- Hands-on, **curriculum-linked practical workshops** in fully equipped real labs and making studios.
- An **award-winning science centre** that injects a fun, extra dimension to your visit to create a memorable, impactful learning experience.
- Relevance to the lives and career aspirations of students – demonstrating **real-world applications** of science and technology, and highlighting a vast range of careers for all.
- **Fuss-free organisation** – our team will do all the planning and organising so everything is in place to create a great and safe experience.

To find out more, visit life.org.uk/schools
All workshops are available from 8 November
Book now by calling 0191 243 8223

School Trips - Bespoke to You



Photo courtesy of Hangloose Adventure Eden

With over 25 years of experience in the travel industry, our school trips team can help organise your ideal trip. We are proud of our trips and know that whatever the destination we can deliver bespoke packages that will inspire students of all ages.

After we have received your initial enquiry, you will work with one team member from the start to the completion of your trip. Throughout the process your agent will keep you in the loop to ensure you are happy with things every step of the way.

All trips are created to your requirements and can be arranged around specific topics that are relevant to your class. We can include workshops, talks, company visits or other relevant activities to your requirement. Everything for your trip is organised for you by us and personally sourced, from local restaurants to evening activities such as theatre shows or ghost walks.

Before you depart on your trip you will be provided with detailed itineraries, all your booking information, travel maps and walking guides where appropriate and if needed 24-hour emergency contact details.

Check out the sample itineraries on our website for ideas and inspiration. These itineraries are just an illustration of the kind of trip we can organise, whatever you have in mind get in touch to discuss how we can help you plan the perfect school trip.

www.educationalvisitsuk.com/school-trips-and-travel-experiences/

If you have ideas but are not sure how to bring them all together, get in touch and see how we can help make your perfect school trip come to life.

For your free, no obligation quote get in touch:

info@elmtreepress.com

01677 427334

WE INCLUDE:

- Transport
- Accommodation
- Entry to attractions
- Evening meals
- Packed lunches
- FREE teacher places
- Information packs
- Personal guide on request
- Risk assessments
- 24 hour support



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Virtual Learning



The challenges of 2020/21 have meant that everyone has had to adapt the ways in which we learn, communicate and interact with others. We have all certainly improved and increased our use of video conferencing services to virtually meet and chat with friends and work colleagues. School children have also had to adapt with many being home-schooled by 'willing' parents and completing schoolwork online and on platforms like Google Classrooms.

Similarly, museums and other visitor attractions had to adapt the way in which they were able to ensure that schools could still access learning experiences, especially when they were not allowed to physically visit. Virtual outreach is one way in which learning can be achieved and here is a list of some of the country's museums and attractions offering other ways of learning during the new academic year.

Aerospace Bristol – have a vast array of fun and educational activities & resources to enjoy at home or in the classroom.
<https://aerospacebristol.org/at-home-with-aerospace-bristol>

Beamish – The Living Museum – bring classroom learning to life through remote and onsite, immersive experiences for KS1-5.
<https://www.beamish.org.uk/learning/learning-activities>

Bristol Museums – Book online for FREE lessons on Bristol Blitz, Prey and Predators or Brilliant Bristol Women!
13 October, 20 October
<https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/learning/>

British Motor Museum – offering virtual sessions and bespoke virtual museum visits.
<https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/learning/schools>

Cornish Seal Sanctuary – the Education team have created curriculum linked online workshops including videos, discussions and activities.
<https://sealsanctuary.sealifetrust.org/en/visiting-us/virtual-workshops/>

Jewish Museum – offer award-winning workshops through distance learning. Workshops are based on a guided exploration experience of the unique collection of authentic objects.
<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/virtual-classrooms/>

Jorvik Viking Centre – Virtual Vikings – students can spend 45 minutes discovering what life was like in the Viking Age in York.
<https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/education/outreach/>

Jorvik DIG – virtual outreach sessions - deliver digital history lessons straight to the classroom.
<https://digyork.com/education/outreach-and-virtual-outreach/>

Malton Museum – deliver amazing outreach Roman Legacy sessions at schools.
<https://www.maltonmuseum.co.uk/school-groups/>

National Coal Mining Museum for England – can provide 1 hour live workshops for schools including Meet a Miner, Victorian Miner and Rocks and Fossils virtual sessions.
<https://www.ncm.org.uk/learning-hub/>

National History Museum – free for a limited time, the Natural History Museum can be brought into the classroom with live virtual workshops and streamed shows.
<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/schools/virtual-workshops.html>

National Memorial Arboretum – give access to a multitude of materials available for free to use from home.
<https://www.thenma.org.uk/visit-us/plan-your-visit/visiting-for-learning-and-training/learning-from-home>

National Science and Media Museum – resources available include activities, games and videos to support a range of curriculum topics for use in the classroom and at home.
<https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/learning-resources/>

Observatory Science Centre and Planetarium – the award winning outside the classroom provider, has with everything from quizzes to the fantastic Science at Home section to try.
<https://www.the-observatory.org/science-at-home>

Scarborough Museums – have a free 'Arts Discover At Home' resource that will keep the kids busy for hours.
<https://www.scarboroughmuseumstrust.com/arts-award-at-home/>

Royal Armouries Museum – offer a bookable live digital outreach service to schools.
<https://royalarmouries.org/learning/?where=LearningResources>

Stratford Butterfly Farm – providing downloadable resources to help support learning from home/within schools on the Lifecycle of a Butterfly/Ancient Maya Rainforest Civilisation.
<https://www.butterflyfarm.co.uk/attraction/schools-and-groups>

The Deep – offering fun home learning resources to cover 17 conservation topics including 'The Big Fish Campaign'.
<https://www.thedeep.co.uk/education/school-trips>

Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium – educational and fun resources with the Ultimate STEM School Takeout.
<https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/>

ZSL London Zoo – offer Digital Outreach sessions linking up to the classroom live from ZSL.
<https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/schools>

Get Creative



Autumn is a great time for looking at how nature is changing the foliage around us. As a result of the long hot spells we experienced in the spring combined with the damper months of summer, this season is expected to be even better than usual with a spectacular display of golds, oranges and reds. Children love this time of the year, crunching through a pile of dried leaves, foraging for leaves, conkers and other treasures teaches them about the natural world around them and inspires their creativity. By working together as a team it gently helps bring them together and reforge friendships after so long apart.

Make a collage or sculpture

Get your students into teams to hunt for natural foliage such as twigs, logs, leaves and berries to create a collage or sculpture. This could be an imaginary animal or perhaps an abstract piece of art. Get them to plan the design and whether it is going to be flat, three dimensional and viewed from all sides.

Alternatively they all have to bring five things into use and the teacher can bring in some objects too in case any child forgets.

The winning team is the one with the most creative idea.



Make a bug hotel at your school or in your garden

Children are fascinated by creepy crawlies and this can keep them entertained for hours.

If you have an old cupboard, wooden pallets or chicken coop you could use this as a frame and fill it with logs and other structures that creepy crawlies love. Alternatively you can create a framework from a pile of logs, flower pots preferably terracotta and twigs.

What you need.

- Collection of logs
- Old terracotta pots
- twigs
- leaves
- bricks
- pine cones

Make an Abacus

All children love collecting conkers and hording them, so here is a useful way of making use of them.

- Collect conkers
- Get an adult to drill a hole through them.
- Use those green long thin gardening sticks or wooden skewers to thread the conkers on.
- Use a large cereal box and cut out the front section leaving a frame.
- Then glue the sticks with the conkers on inside the box so there is just enough room in between each row for the conkers to move up and down.

Get Creative



Work Of Art

Collect leaves, bark, stones etc and get your children to take rubbings of the different textures using coloured crayons and textures of paper. Then create a large collage, mount it in a frame and it will look great on the wall. Great way of teaching them to look at colours and textures and work as a team.

Make a hat/crown or cats ears

Cut out from a template shapes for a pointed hat, crown or pair of ears. Or use recycled cartons, for example loo rolls. Get your children to cut out and make their chosen headgear. They can paint and decorate it. When finished tie some elastic string across the front piece so that it is secured when wearing.

Face Painting

Each child has their face painted to coordinate with their hat on the last day before the half term holiday begins. Then they can proudly go home wearing their new headgear and faces!

Fireworks

Mix up the different primary colours of paint and put sponges into the paint then onto the paper and using a hammer hit the sponge to make a big mess. The end result will look like fireworks. Great fun and the children will learn how the different primary colours create a whole rainbow of colour as they mix together.

Funny people

Collect empty loo rolls or used stiff coloured paper and roll them into cones. If using loo rolls paint them in different colours. Use stick on shapes, paint and pipe cleaners to make faces, arms and hair.

Make a necklace

Collect a mixture of conkers all sizes and grade them from very small to large. Make a hole in each conker and thread them on a piece of string the smallest at the back to the largest at the front.

Ghost bunting

Decorate your classroom or hang at the windows. Collect some lovely large leaves, long large oval ones are best. Take a piece of white paper and place the leaf on the paper, draw around it and cut it out. Then you will have the shape of a ghost. Either make two slits for eyes and mouth or draw on two slits for the eyes and an oval for the mouth. Thread string or thin white cord.



WHERE TO PICK YOUR PUMPKIN

Make Halloween an event to remember this year and visit a pumpkin farm.

Plenty of fresh air activities are being organised at farms and garden centres across the region and it is a chance to get out and have some fun! Please remember to check if you need to pre-book.

COUNTY DURHAM

Pumpkin Festival
2, 3, 9, 10, 16 - 31 October
Broom House Farm, Witton Gilbert, Durham,
DH7 6TR
www.broomhousedurham.co.uk

Pumpkin Festival
16, 17, 23 - 31 October
Adventure Valley, Union Hall Farm, Brasside,
Durham, DH1 5SG
info@adventurevalley.co.uk

PYO Pumpkins
16 – 31 October
East Grange Farm, High Shincliffe, Durham,
DH1 2TB
www.eastgrange.com

NORTHUMBERLAND

Pick Your Own Pumpkins
2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 - 31 October
Brocksbushes Farm
Corbridge, Northumberland, NE43 7UB
www.brocksbushes.co.uk

TEESSIDE

Halloween pumpkin trail & pumpkin picking
23 – 29 October
Newham Grange Farm
Wykeham Way, Middlesbrough, TS8 0TG
www.newhamgrangefarm.co.uk

Pop-up Pumpkin Patch
23 - 30 October
Preston Park Museum & Grounds
Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees,
TS18 3RH
www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk

TYNE AND WEAR

Pumpkin Picking Festival
3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 - 31 October
Down At The Farm, Stoneygate Lane, Houghton le
Spring, DH5 8JG
www.downatthefarm.co.uk



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Edible Conkers!

A simple recipe for children to follow but always with adult supervision

Ingredients

250g/8oz digestive biscuits
150g/5oz milk chocolate
300g/10oz dark chocolate
100g/3½oz unsalted butter
150g/5oz golden syrup
100g/3½oz dried apricots, chopped
75g/2½oz raisins
60g/2oz pecans, chopped (optional)

Method

1. Bash the biscuits into pieces using a rolling pin. (Put them in a plastic bag first so they don't go everywhere!)
2. Melt chocolate, butter and golden syrup in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water. Stir occasionally.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and stir in the broken biscuits, apricots, raisins and pecans (optional).
4. Let the mixture cool and mould with your hands into balls making them different sizes.
5. Leave to go hard on a rack in the refrigerator.

Cover the Conkers

6oz dark chocolate
6oz cream
3oz white chocolate
3oz cream

1. Break the chocolate into small pieces and melt in a double saucepan or a bowl over simmering hot water.
2. At the same time warm the cream gently to blood temperature (it should be warm to the touch when you stick your finger in).
3. When the chocolate has melted gradually add the warmed cream slowly to make a sauce.
4. With a pair of tongs dip the conkers in the chocolate sauce and cover them.
5. Leave to dry on a cake rack.
6. Whilst drying melt the white chocolate using the same method.
7. When the conkers are dry dip the front in the white chocolate and leave to dry again.

Create Marzipan Shells

Block of marzipan
Green food colouring
Use an egg cup as a cutter

1. Colour the marzipan green.
2. Roll out with a rolling pin.
3. Cut circles using the egg cup.
4. Wrap around the chocolate conker so they are popping out of the marzipan shell.
5. Cut some of the circles in half to alter the shells.
6. Leave to chill and then serve and enjoy!

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