

October- Magical Moments IN THE CLASSROOM



Autumn

Classroom Activities:

- Leaf Descriptions – Collect leaves (or print photos). Students describe them using adjectives (big, small, crunchy, red, golden)
- Learn and dramatise a poem about the seasons of the year (e.g. poem “Spring to winter”)
- Autumn Acrostic Poem

Stories:

- The Leaf Thief, by Alice Hemming
- It was a cold dark night, by Tim Hopgood
- We’re Going on a Leaf Hunt, by Steve Metzger



4th of October World Animal Day



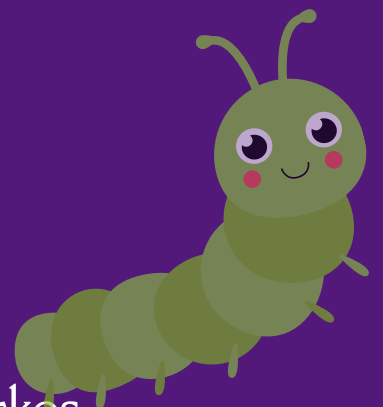
Classroom Activities:

- Old MacDonald had a farm (nursery rhyme): practise animal words and noises
- Read a book about animals (e.g. Dear Zoo) and then write a letter to the zoo asking for a pet / complaining about the pet they received.
- Who's in the Zoo? Song – Adapt a simple chant: “Who's in the zoo? Who's in the zoo? I see a monkey, how about you?”



Stories:

- Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type, by Doreen Cronin
- Rumble in the Jungle, by Giles Andreae
- Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme, by Marianne Berkes



5th of October World Smile Day



Classroom Activities:

- “Compliment cards” – give one to a classmate.
- Make a smile collage with student photos.
- Smile Poems – Create short class acrostics with SMILE
- Sing “If You’re Happy and You Know It” – Adapt verses: “If you’re happy and you know it, show your smile...”

Stories:

- Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses, by James Dean
- The Day You Begin, by Jacqueline Woodson
- Smile, by Leigh Hodgkinson
- Have You Filled a Bucket Today?, by Carol McCloud



16th of October World Food Day



Classroom Activities:

- Listen to a song about food (e.g. Eric Carle's Today is Monday)
- Prepare a healthy meal: draw and describe a healthy lunch.
- Food Flags – Make world flags out of pictures of food.
- Class Recipe Book – Each student contributes a favourite food.

Collect into a mini-book “Our World Food Day Recipes”.

Stories:

- What's on Your Plate? Exploring the World of Food, by Whitney Stewart
- Stone Soup, by Marcia Brown
- I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato, by Lauren Child



31st of October Halloween



Classroom Activities:

- Halloween counting song: (sing the song, dramatise it, which characters could be added to the song?)
- Halloween Acrostic Poem – H = Haunted house, A = A black cat....
- Halloween Around the World – Share short fun facts

Stories:

- Room on the Broom, by Julia Donaldson
- The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything, by Linda Williams
- Ghosts in the House!, by Kazuno Kohara
- Big Pumpkin, by Erica Silverman



International School Library Month

- Take students to the school library and read a story together.
- Check if the school library has picture books in English; if not, suggest some titles to the school librarian.
- Plan an author study or a book fair.
- Library Scavenger Hunt – Students find books based on prompts, such as “Find a book about animals” or “Find a book with a red cover.”

