

Practical activity ideas

Weather role play

The resources required for this activity include scarves, coats, hats, gloves, umbrellas, sunglasses, simple weather picture cards.

Activity: Children act out different types of weather (rainy, sunny, windy, cloudy) and how people might respond to them. For example, children could mime putting on a raincoat, opening an umbrella, or shading their eyes from the Sun. Afterwards, discuss how these choices help keep people warm and dry in autumn.

Autumn weather station

The resources required for this activity include whiteboards, pens, weather symbol cards, toy microphone (optional)

Activity: Set up a role-play “weather station” where children work in pairs: one child is the meteorologist giving a weather report, and the other records the observation with a drawing or symbol on a whiteboard. Swap roles and compare their results. This helps children practise observing, recording, and communicating weather information.

Weather sorting hunt

The resources required for this activity include laminated weather and clothing pictures, baskets or trays for sorting, pegs or tape to display sorted sets

Activity: Hide laminated pictures of autumn and non-autumn weather/clothing around the classroom or outdoor space. Children find the pictures, sort them into “autumn weather” and “not autumn weather,” and explain their choices. This reinforces knowledge of seasonal weather while encouraging talk and reasoning.

