Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	Autumn and Harvest	FS2	TERM 1

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Harvest

Harvest time is when all the plants we have grown for food are **ripe** and ready to eat.

Farmers cut down some **crops**, like wheat, using a combine harvester. Other crops like apples are picked from trees.



Some people celebrate harvest time by having a **Harvest Festival.** People share food and say thank you for the food they have. They might pray in church.

Autumn

Autumn is one of the four seasons. It comes after the summer.

In the autumn the weather starts to turn cooler and it rains more. It may be foggy. The days start to shorten.

Some trees have leaves that die. They change colour from green to red or brown or orange and then they fall to the ground.





Lots of trees drop **seeds** during the autumn. **Oak** trees drop **acorns**, horse chesnut trees drop **conkers**. Pine trees drop **pine cones** which carry tiny seeds inside.











WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Squirrels get ready for the winter gathering conkers and acorns by burying them so they can eat them in the winter.



Hedgehogs eat lots and make themselves warm cosy nests out of dead leaves so they can **hibernate** over the cold months.



Celebrations

There are some other celebrations in the autumn. **Halloween** is on 31st October. People dress up in costumes and tell spooky stories. Some people carve pumpkins to light up – this is called a **Jack O'Lantern.**





Guy Fawkes or Bonfire Night is on 5th November and is celebrated with fireworks. Fireworks are made with gunpowder and explode spreading colours in the sky.

Fireworks are dangerous and you should never go near them but watch from a safe distance.



WHAT? – Key vocabulary

Autumn	The season after summer. It has the months September, October and November.
Harvest	When food that has been grown is cut or picked.
Crops	Plants we grow for food.
Combine harvester	A big machine that cuts and cleans crops like wheat.
Farm	A place to grow crops and raise animals.
Acorns	Seeds from an oak tree
Conkers	Seeds from a horse chestnut tree
Pine cones	Seeds from a pine tree
Squash	A fruit that grows on a vine on the floor with seeds inside.
Halloween	An autumn festival where people dress up in spooky costumes and might tell spooky stories.
Guy Fawkes	A man who tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament.
Fireworks	Gunpowder and chemicals that explode when they are lit making noise and colours.
Leaves	Part of a plant or tree attached by a stalk. They catch sunlight.
Ripe	When food is ready to eat.
Hibernate	When an animal goes into a special deep sleep over the winter.
Harvest Festival	A celebration to say thank you for food.
Seeds	They drop from plants and trees and can grow into a new plant.

Possible experiences:

Visit to Rushall Farm
Exploration of Pumpkins
Using acorns, conkers and pinecones in our play
Going on a walk – looking for signs of autumn
Finding out information from a non-fiction book
Printing with fallen leaves
Join in harvest festival
Share experiences about Halloween
Create firework pictures

Books:

One Snowy Night – Nick Butterworth
The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson
Farmer Duck – Martin Waddell
Autumn

Songs:

In the Autumn
Picking Up the Conkers