

Zara's Autumn Art Adventure

Learning objective: To explore the natural colours and patterns of autumn and use them to create observational art.

Help Zara the zebra get ready for the autumn season! Look closely at the leaves and trees outside, then answer the questions to help Zara plan her next art masterpiece.

Zara the zebra loves to walk through the forest in autumn. She sees leaves changing colour from green to bright shades of orange, yellow, and red. She notices that some leaves are smooth and some feel dry and crunchy. Zara likes to collect them to make beautiful patterns on her canvas.

Word bank: crunchy · golden · crimson · pattern · texture · leaf

1. Zara sees leaves in many different colours. Can you name two colours that you might see on a leaf in autumn? (2 marks)

2. If you touch a dry autumn leaf, how does it feel? Use one of the words from the word bank. (1 mark)

3. Zara wants to make a pattern. If she puts down a red leaf, then a yellow leaf, then a red leaf, what colour should come next? (1 mark)

4. Zara finds a leaf that costs 5p to buy for a craft project. If she has a 2p coin and a 2p coin, how much more money does she need to reach 5p? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think Zara likes to collect leaves for her art instead of using plastic toys? (2 marks)

Draw: Zara has a blank canvas! Draw your favourite autumn leaf and colour it using the most vibrant autumn colours you can find.



Extension challenge: Go on a nature walk with an adult. Find three different shaped leaves. Can you sort them by size, from the smallest to the biggest?