



# AUTUMN INSPIRED NATURE CROWNS

## NUMERACY THROUGH PLAYFUL PROVOCATIONS

The simplicity of creating a nature crown has a magic all of its own with the careful selection of materials providing a platform for shared learning and discovery. Autumn materials provide children with a broad range of attributes with which to sort, pattern and arrange.

- 1** Cut up lengths of card to use as the base of your nature crown. These will need to be at least 60cm long. (A3 card cut on the long side works well for this).
- 2** Measure, cut and then stick down two strips of double-sided tape along the length card. Double sided tape is readily available in supermarkets and office supply stores.
- 3** Go on a walk to collect a range of autumn leaves, seed pods and more and arrange these in baskets on your table or mat.
- 4** Peel off your double-sided tape and stick down a range of your foraged autumn materials.
- 5** Wrap this crown around your (or the future nature warriors) head and fasten with tape or other suitable materials.

*Please remember when collecting your items, to do so responsibly in order to reduce environmental impact and habitat disruption.*

## NUMERACY LINKS

There are a multitude of ways to bring numeracy to life during this activity. Counting items with 1 to 1 correspondence, ordering and sticking down items from shortest to longest (or vice versa) or creating a colour or shape pattern and continuing this for someone else.

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE NPSA TEAM

*I was privileged to witness a young man work with incredible focus to create a nature crown with tiny gum nuts. A quick-thinking teacher recognised this powerful teachable moment and worked together with the child to add more, count and check his collection.* ~ Maria