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October Unit - Fall, Harvest and Safar

Science, Math and Art: Season of Fall, Life cycle of Apples and Pumpkins

1) Books

1. It's Fall by Linda Glaser
2. Little Eliot Fall Friends by Mike Curato
3. Hello Fall by Lucy Fleming
4. Apple Picking Day! By Candice Ransom (Step 1: ready to read) (Her pumpkin book refers to halloween)
5. The apple orchard riddle by Margaret McNamara
6. Counting on Fall by Lizann Flatt
7. Mouse First Fall by Lauren Thompson
8. Toto's Apple by Mathieu Lovoie
9. Amelia Bedelia's First Apple Pie by Herman Parish
10. Out and About at the Apple Orchard
11. Are you Ready for Fall? By Sheila Anderson
12. From Seed to Apple Tree following the life cycle by Suzanne Slade
13. Exploring Fall by Terri DeGezelle
14. Seed, Sprout, Pumpkin, Pie
15. Bones and the Apple Pie Mystery
16. Leaves in Fall by Bullfrog Books
17. Harvest in Fall by Bullfrog Books
18. Apples in Fall by Bullfrog Books
19. Animals in Fall by Bullfrog Books
20. The Very Best Pumpkin by Mark Kimball Moulton

2) Printables

- [Apple Mini Book](#)
- [3 Dinosaurs Apple Pack](#)
- [Apple Hole Punching](#)
- [Pumpkin Pie counting](#)
- [Life cycle of an apple 3 part cards and apple emotions books](#)
- [Life cycle of pumpkin](#)
- [Fall math printable](#)

3) Crafts

Apple Crafts

- Apple Counting with Salt .
- Make one of the following apple crafts:
 - Coffee Filter Apple
 - Pom Pom Apples
 - Apple core craft
 - Apple stamping
 - Apple tree
- Bake mini apple pies with kids.
- Apple life cycle sequencing craft

Pumpkin crafts:

- Remove pumpkin seeds from the flesh, and roast them
- Paint pumpkin styrofoams (available at dollarstore)
- Colour your wooden pumpkin (from dollarstore)

Fall crafts:

- Fall Scavenger Hunt - you can get this free printable from my blog
- Leaf printing
- Paint your pinecone
- Paint your acorns/make owls out of acorn using googly eyes and modelling clay
- Make a fall leaf bonfire using twigs and fall leaves of different colours.
- Rainbow leaf painting

Islamic Studies

1) Name of Allah:

- **Al Munshi'**: The Producer (goes with the harvest and fall theme)
- **Book: Quran:** Is it you who produced its tree, or are We the Producer? (Quran 56: 72)
- It is Allah who controls the growth of Plants, trees, fruits, grains, vegetables and even our growth. This is a great blessing from Allah.
- **Craft:** Make a pretty frame of leaves and stick it on the construction paper. Write the name of Allah on it.

2) Prophet of Allah:

• Adam AS and the concept of Beginning of Creation

- **Book:** Migo and Ali, The Greatest Stories from the Quran by Saniyasnain Khan (Goodword Kids)
- **Printable:** [Prophet Adam story and colouring page](#)
- **Dua:** [7:23] They said, "Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers." Explain that as humans, we make mistakes and that is okay, As long as we say sorry to Allah and promise Allah to never repeat the mistake again. Allah has even taught us the special words to use to say sorry (seek forgiveness). The words (dua) of the Prophet to seek forgiveness.
- **Craft:** Prophet Adam story board - Paste felt on a cardboard, cut snippets of the story from felt and help the child retell the story by placing pieces of felt on the felt board. This idea was of a very good friend of mine Javeria Aslam, who is also a fellow homeschooler. She blogs about her homeschooling journey on instagram with the handle [@nurturingemaan](#)

3) Akhlaq of the month:

- **B is for Believer/ Backbiting**
- **Craft:** Qualities of a believer: Make a chart with two figures of people on it. One saying yes and the other saying no. (things a believer should and should not do) brainstorm traits with your child and write the traits on labelling stickers and stick them on the appropriate person.

4) Islamic Month:

Safar

- Safar and Halloween: Both are about superstitions and evil spirits.
- Explain the background behind Halloween and how it came into existence.
- Halloween night (October 31st) was originally the Celtic New Year's Eve, called Samhain. Celts are pagans (who believe in more than one God) They celebrated this night because they believed that the ghosts of the dead roamed the Earth. . People built large fires on this night to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic gods. During the festival they wore animal heads and skins as costumes. This was done so that the "spirits of the dead" would not recognize them and harm them.
- It later made its way into Christianity and today Halloween is a multimillion dollar industry of candies and costumes. Halloween is a celebration that rejoices in all things magical and evil. In the Quran Allah says magic only harms and brings no benefit. (2:102)
- Coincidentally the Islamic Month of Safar also falls in this month which is in the pre-islamic days was believed to be a month of evil and bad luck. Prophet SAWS cleared these misconceptions about the month of Safar and stated that it is like any other month.