



Capture autumn on camera

Take photos that show the beauty in this season of changes.

Autumn is a beautiful season when nature transitions from the warmth and new life of summer to the cold and bare winter months. In the UK, autumn is known for its changing and falling leaves. As the weather gets colder, some trees stop producing a substance called chlorophyll, which gives leaves their green colour, and they reveal other, spectacular colours.

No matter where you live, the atmosphere of autumn can be captured in a photo. You just need to photograph the changes happening in nature, whether that's plants dying back, leaves changing colour or animals preparing for the colder months. A pigeon, fluffing up its feathers to stay warm or standing on a pavement covered in dead leaves could make a great autumn shot.

The important thing is to embrace the season – even the bad weather. If you're heading outside to take photos, wrap up warm and wear waterproofs. Take a cloth to wipe your camera lens if it gets wet and make sure you have a waterproof bag to store it in.

WOW!
The chemicals that colour autumn leaves are the same that give carrots and egg yolks their colours.



Capture the colours

Autumn is full of colours: the red and gold of leaves, the oranges of pumpkins and the purple of grapes. Try capturing them from different angles. You could look down to leaves scattered at your feet or observe one close up so you can see details, like the veins that run through it. Use contrast to make colours stand out. For example, try photographing red leaves against a grey fence or a blue sky.

Play with light, or lack of it

The hours of daylight get shorter in autumn. If it's a sunny day, try taking photos during the golden hours – just after sunrise or before sunset when the Sun is low in the sky. Try playing with the light, capturing how it makes things glow, casts shadows or spreads rays through gaps in tree branches. You can also snap grey skies but try to find a focal point, like the dark outline of a tree or a friend in yellow wellies.



Embrace moody weather

Don't be afraid to photograph in bad weather – that's what autumn is all about. If it's a foggy morning, take a photo of the street lights casting a warm glow through the gloom. If it's drizzling outside, see if you can snap raindrops caught on a spider's web. Try using cosy subjects to contrast with miserable conditions – like someone wrapped in a fluffy blanket, looking out of a rain-dashed window.

Find seasonal nature

Look for the classic signs of autumn in nature. This means capturing images of the plants and animals that thrive during the season. It could be songbirds nibbling on bright red berries or squirrels collecting acorns for their winter stores. Lots of plants are dying during autumn, but you can capture this too. It's also a great time to photograph fungi and moss, which thrive in the season's damp conditions.



Head to theweekjunior.co.uk/activityhub for more crafts and recipes.



SCAN ME