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New Year's Day

Discuss with students the New Year's Day holiday. Explain to them that it is the first day of a new year, and that it also represents a time for making resolutions.

Explain the meaning and purpose for making new year's resolutions. Then make some classroom resolutions. For example, make a resolution to create a more pleasant learning environment, by cleaning up or reorganising the classroom. Then ask the students to make some personal resolutions. Make a list of these personal thoughts to send home, so that students may discuss their resolutions at home.

Teach students the tune and lyrics for the chorus of 'Auld Lang Syne'. Explain that this is a song traditionally sung on New Year's Eve.

**Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!**

**Chorus:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.**

**And surely ye'll be your pint stowp!
And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.**

**Chorus:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.**

**We twa hae run about the braes,
And pou'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit
Sin' auld lang syne.**

**Chorus:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.**

**We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
Frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us briad hae roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne.**

**Chorus:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.**

**And there's a hand, my trusty fere!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak' a right gude-willie
waught,
For auld lang syne.**

**Chorus:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.**

Autumn Leaves

Ask each child to bring a leaf to class. Have extra leaves on hand for children who forget or do not have access to leaves. Use the leaves to make leaf people:

- Ask each child to glue his or her leaf to a sheet of paper. The leaf will serve as the body of the person.
- Add head, arms, legs, clothes, accessories etc. to make each leaf person unique.
- Use the leaf people as a classroom decoration.



Use the leaf patterns to cut a profusion of different kinds of leaves from red, green, yellow, and brown thin card. Use the paper leaves to create bulletin board borders, as take-home notes, name tags, or for counting, sorting, and matching activities.

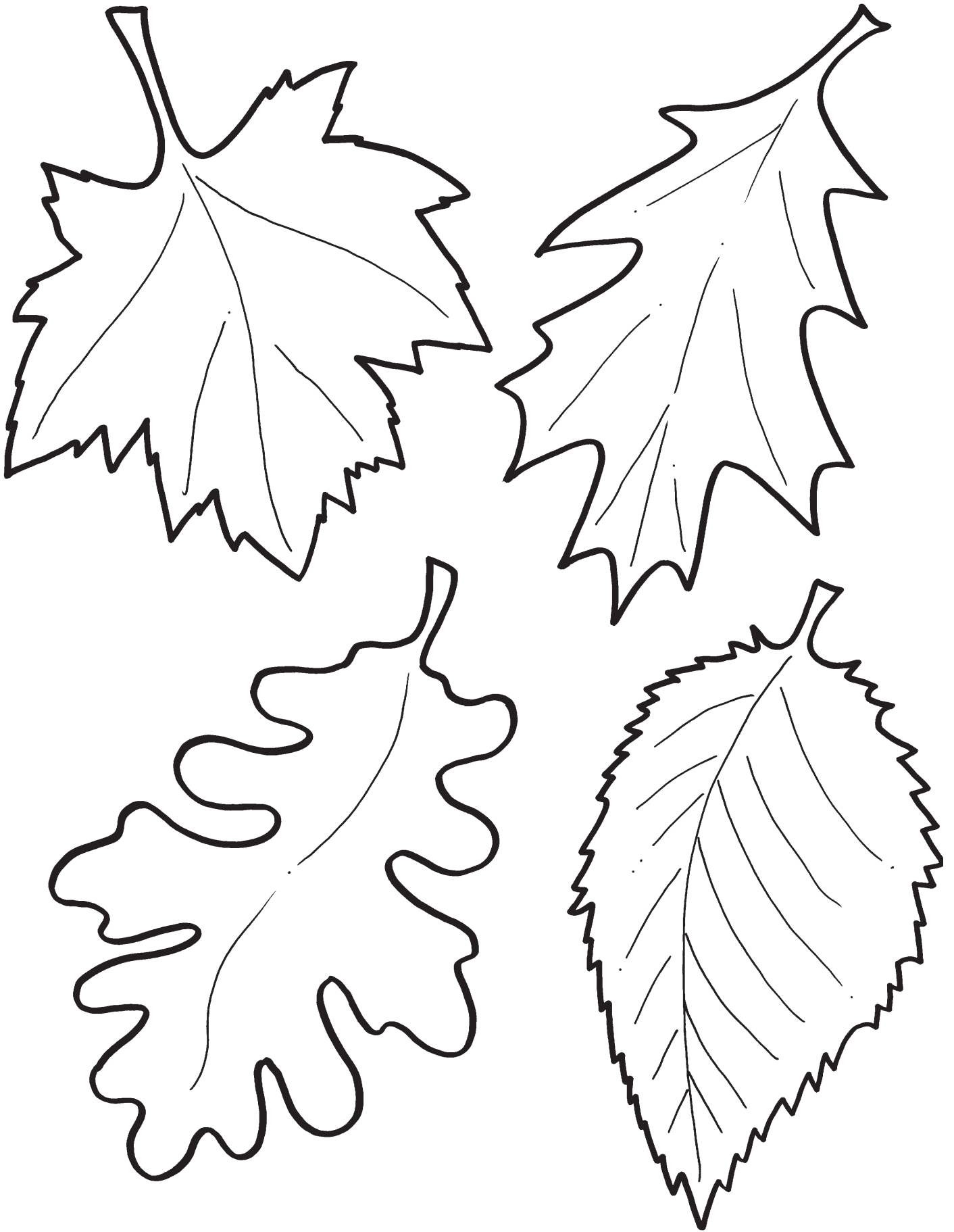
Read *Autumn Leaves are Falling*, all the way through, to the children. Then re-read it, asking the children to act it out.

Autumn leaves are falling, falling
Red, green, yellow and brown
Autumn leaves are falling, falling
Autumn leaves are falling down.

Autumn leaves are falling, falling
Red, green, yellow and brown
Autumn leaves are falling, falling
Autumn leaves—falling all around.

Autumn leaves are falling, falling
Red, green, yellow and brown
Autumn leaves are falling, falling
Autumn leaves—covering the ground.

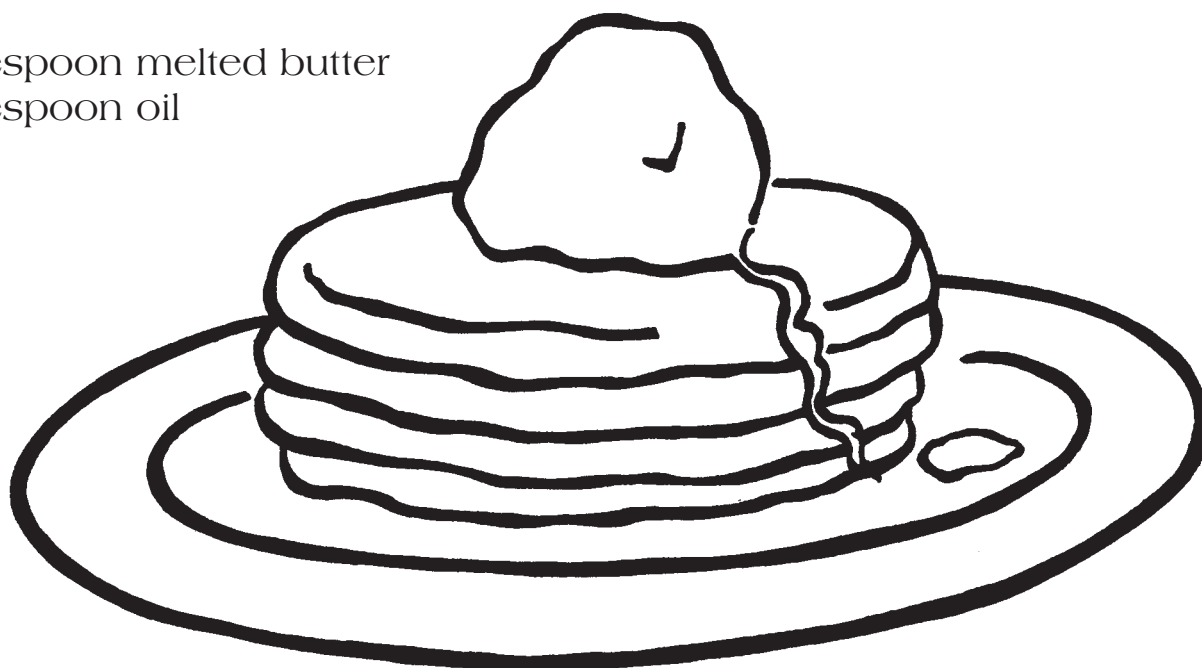
Children will also enjoy adding verses of their own to devise actions for.



Pancake Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday)

Ingredients

- 1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- 1 pinch of salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk
- 1 drop of vanilla essence
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 tablespoon oil



Utensils

- 1 mixing bowl
- 1 measuring cup
- 1 teaspoon
- 1 tablespoon
- 1 dessert spoon
- 1 frying pan
- 1 egg whisk
- stove

Method

1. Sift dry ingredients in mixing bowl.
2. Add vanilla essence.
3. Beat the egg and add it to the mixture.
4. Add the milk and melted butter.
5. Mix until batter is smooth.
6. Grease, then heat the pan.
7. Add dessertspoon dollops of batter to the pan.
8. When the batter becomes firm and bubbles on top, turn the pancake over and cook it on the other side.