

Jackanory, Here's a Pumpkin Story

Areas of Learning

Primary

Language and Literacy
The Arts (Drama, Art and Design)

Post-Primary

English
The Arts (Drama, Art and Design)

Points to Note

This activity is based on a story *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper. The story is delivered in a sensory way using resources to represent characters and objects in the story so that the learners can experience the story through their senses.

Setting the Scene

Create a story corner with white sheets to represent the cabin and either real or painted cardboard pumpkins 'outside' in the garden.

What to Do

Have all the sensory resources set out in order. Using **Resource 3: Pumpkin Soup**, repeat each line to each learner, allowing them plenty of time to explore and respond to the sensory objects. Search online to access a range of pumpkin images.

Further Suggestions

- Art and cookery
- Make pumpkin soup
- Make pumpkin lanterns

You can find a song and video for 'Pumpkin, Pumpkin' and search online for a video on how to make a pumpkin lantern.

What You Need

 **Resource 3: Pumpkin Soup**

- Replica squirrel, duck and cat
- Pumpkin
- Jug of water
- Salt
- Wooden spoon
- Bowl of water and spoon
- Switch device with recorded bagpipe music
- Switch device with recorded banjo music
- Switch device with singing duck music
- Hat

