

## Autumn story starters

1. It was on a damp, dreary and dull autumn day that I found it, buried beneath wet leaves of copper red, saffron yellow and amber orange. The discovery would change my life...
2. She sat in the comfortable café chair with her hands wrapped around a cup of hot chocolate. The scents of pumpkin spice and cinnamon wafted fragrantly from her drink as autumn showers of rain pelted against the window. Suddenly,
3. He pulled on his muddy wellington boots and buttoned up his brightly coloured raincoat. With his vividly patterned umbrella in hand, he was ready to take the dog for a walk in the woods behind the back garden. Little did he know that...
4. As quick as a hare, I ran across the soaking wet grass of the field. The metal studs on my boots stopped me from sinking into the mud entirely but no-one ever stopped a game of hockey because of a tiny torrent of rain! As accurately as I could, I swung my wooden club at the hockey puck and...
5. “This,” their mother told them, “is a magic conker.” The children stared with wonder at the round, glossy, brown seed in their mother’s hand. “My grandmother- your *great* grandmother- was a wood fairy. If ever you are in trouble and I can’t help you, you must call for help with the conker in your hand and help will come.”