



# All about Autumn

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## About the author

This book about Autumn was written by Grainne Farrelly. Grainne is in 2nd class in Crosserlough ns. Grainne enjoys the outdoors and while out walking with her parents she took some lovely photos of Autumn in the countryside.

## All about Autumn

The months of Autumn are August, September and October.

One of the main signs of Autumn is when the leaves on the trees begin to change colour from green to brown. Then they begin to fall to the ground in crispy golden heaps.

I love to kick through the heaps of dry, rusty coloured leaves that have dropped off the trees.







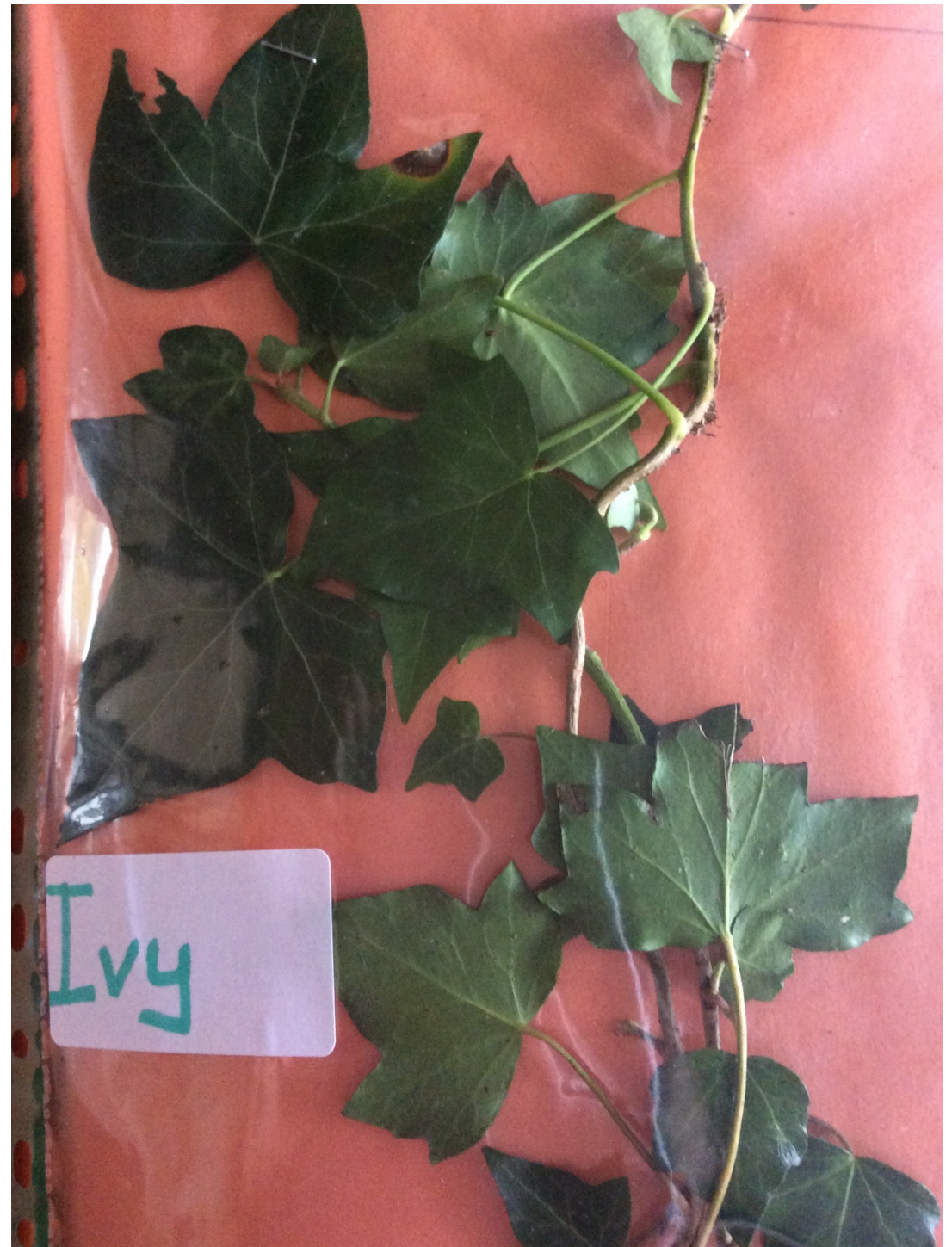


# The Garden in Autumn

On most plants, the flowers have withered by the autumn and they are now making seeds.

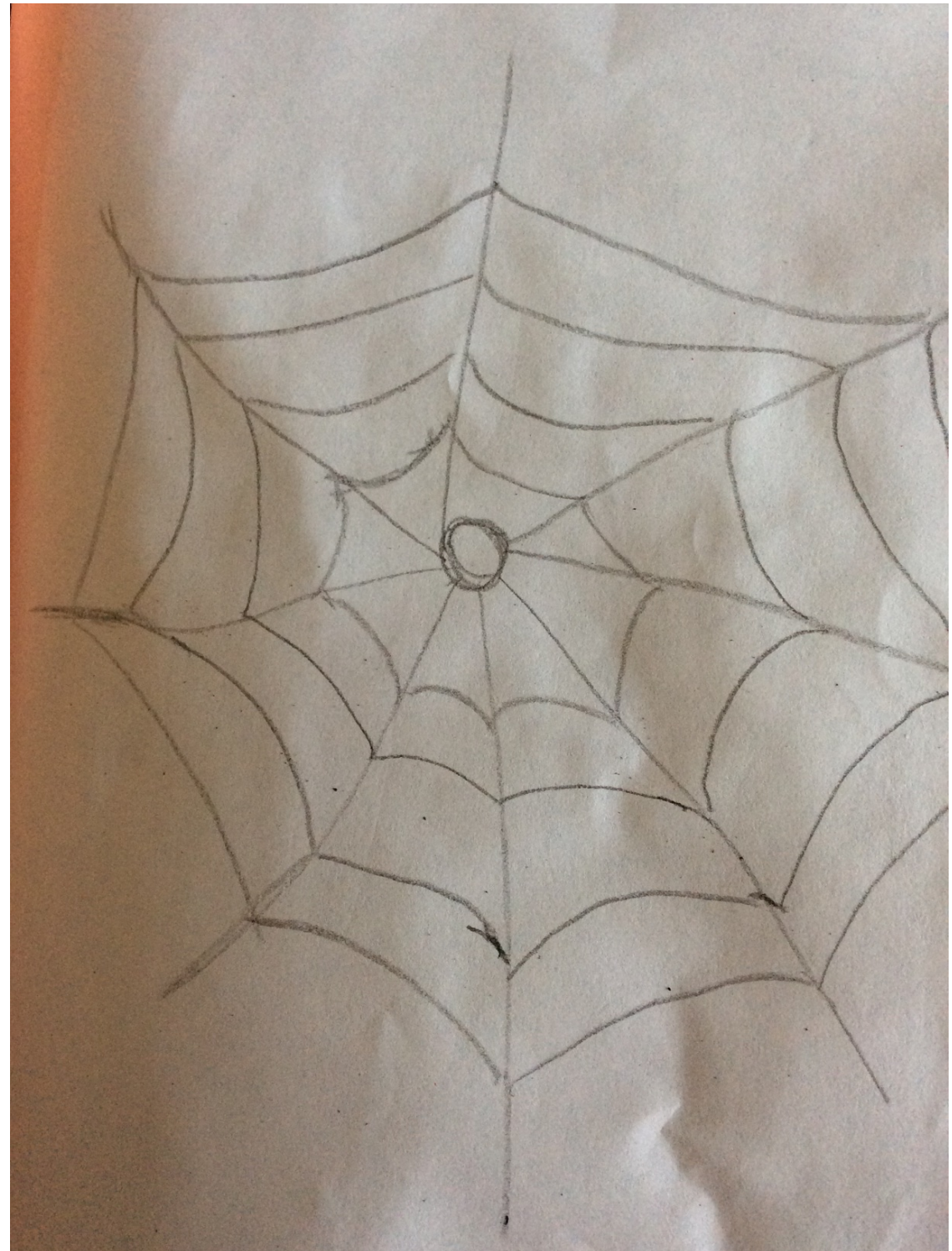
Ivy is one of the few plants that happily flowers in autumn, making blooms that are rich in nectar. Bees, wasps and butterflies are very happy to visit the ivy.

The leaves of the virginia creeper, which is grown in many gardens to cover walls, are full of the many deep shades of deep red during autumn.





Spiders of different kinds are common in the garden during the summer and autumn. On early autumn mornings, or in the afternoon when the sun is low, it is easier to see the flying webs.







Whitethorn



Beech





Oak



Ash





Sycamore



Horse Chestnut



## The Countryside in Autumn

Autumn is a busy time for farmers. Crops such as wheat, barley and oats are ripe and must be harvested.

Soon after the crops have been harvested, the land has to be ploughed again so that new crops can be sown for the following year.

The fields are full of beef cattle in Autumn. The cattle are fat enough to be sold at the mart.

Autumn is also the time when fruits including apples, plums and pears are

ready to be picked and sent to the market.

Many delicious wild fruits also become ripe in the Autumn. Country hedges are full of colourful berries, including apples. Some that we can eat and use in cooking, like blackberries and crabs apples.

In the countryside some animals, including the hedgehog and the bat, spend the Autumn getting ready to hibernate, which means they go to sleep for the winter.

In Autumn rabbits store up extra food in their burrows so that they will not be hungry during the winter.



The badger dose not hibernate but eats a lot and gets fat in the Autumn to be ready for the winter, when food is Scarce.

Birds that have been with us all summer such as the swallow and the swift prepare in Autumn to leave Ireland and fly south to warmer countries.







Children look forward to Halloween at the end of Autumn, 31 st of October.