

# Conkers facts sheet

Conkers are the seeds of the Horse Chestnut tree. They fall from the tree in autumn and are eaten by squirrels and deer. Squirrels often bury them to eat later, but if they forget where the conker is, a new tree can grow.

## The story starts in spring.



Buds in spring



Flowers like candles in May



Conkers in September



October is conker month



## Quick Facts

- Conkers are nuts but they should not be eaten as they are poisonous to us.
- Horse chestnut tree leaves have 5 to 7 'fingers'.
- Horse chestnut trees lose their leaves in winter.
- Britain is believed to be the only country where the game of conkers is played.
- Conkers grow in prickly green cases which split open in the Autumn.
- Don't take too many conkers from woods as they are food for deer.