



Spring into Summer



Rustle, bustle and squeak

Spring into Summer challenge sheet

We have designed a range of activities for both indoors and out, to be enjoyed in your Unit meeting or as a bigger project when you go on camp or holiday.

A special badge has been created to accompany this challenge sheet and is earned by completing one of the activities. The badge is available to buy from the region's online shop and can be added as a body segment to your Rustle, bustle and squeak caterpillar.

Activity

Spotters trail

Choose from one of these three spotters trails:

Look for:

- Bumblebee
- Primrose
- Frogspawn
- Birds nest building
- Blossom
- Butterfly
- Lesser celandine
- Bird song

Look for:

- Leaf
- Pebble
- Grass
- Feather
- Twig
- Moss
- Bark
- Empty shell

Look for:

- Daffodil
- Wood anemone
- Bluebell
- Primrose
- Wild garlic
- Cowslip
- Lesser celandine
- Foxglove





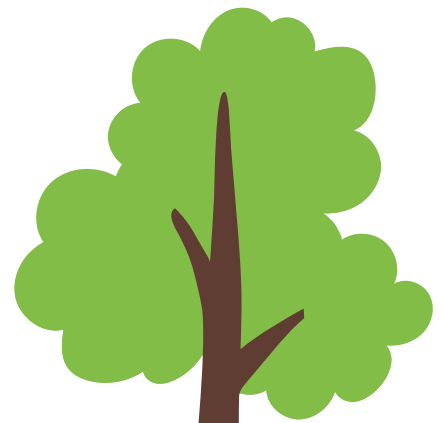
Activity

Tree survey

Carry out a survey of the trees in your area. Have you ever stopped to have a good look at the trees in your nearest garden or street? What sort are they? How old are they? Are they important for wildlife? Do birds roost or nest in them?

You will need:

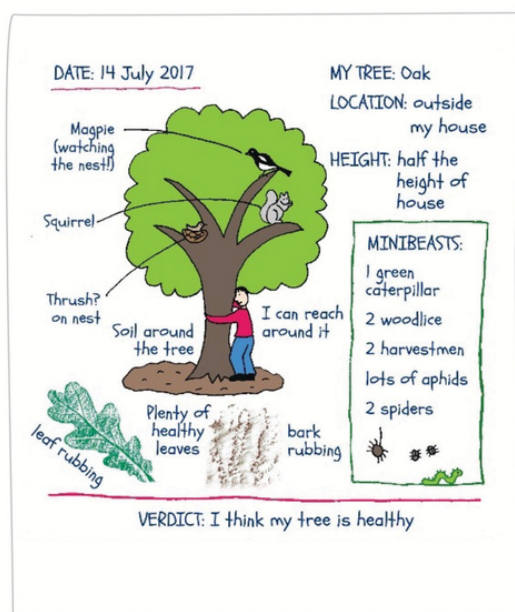
- A sheet of paper and a clipboard
- Pencil
- Extra paper and crayons
- Magnifying glass or bug pot
- Minibeast ID chart or book
- Tape measure (optional)
- Leaf spotting sheet or other tree ID chart



What to do:

1. Draw your tree in the middle of the sheet of paper. Use a leaf spotting sheet to help identify it.
2. Stick a fallen leaf onto the paper, or do a rubbing using paper and crayons.
3. Use a magnifying glass or bug pot to check out the minibeasts living on your tree.
4. How thick is the trunk? Can you measure it at chest height with a tape measure? Can you hug it?
5. Does your tree have plenty of healthy leaves and soil around its trunk?
6. What other wildlife is living in the tree? Put all your findings on your tree drawing.

Example:



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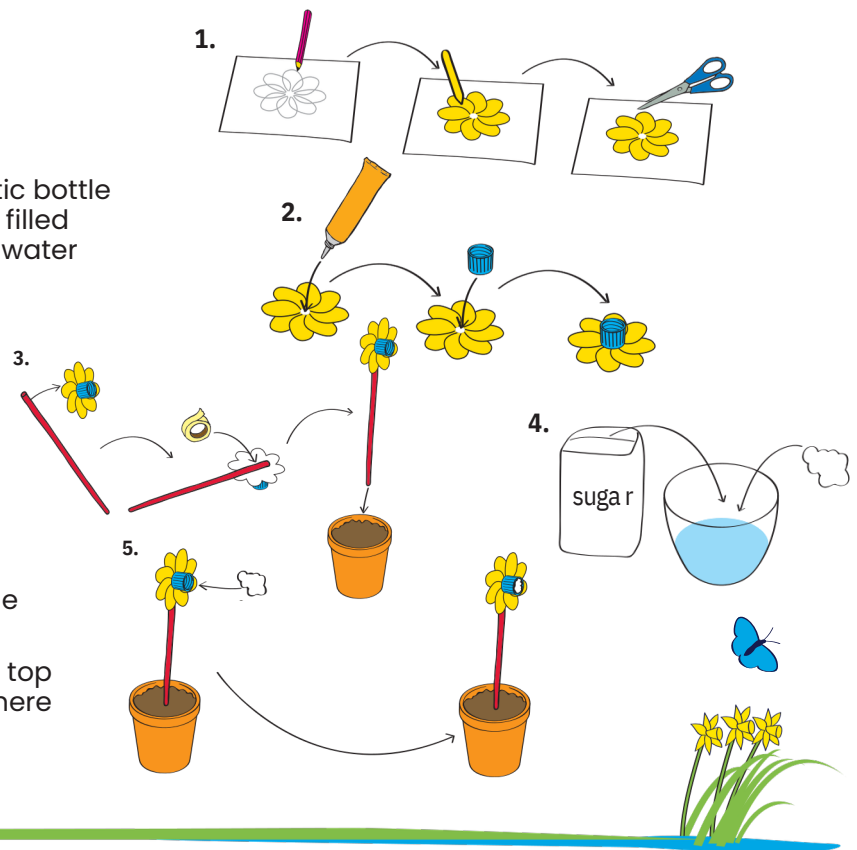
Make a butterfly feeder

You will need:

- A sheet of card
- Pencil
- Crayons
- Plastic bottle top
- A straw or cane
- Sticky tape
- A pot filled with soil
- Ball of cotton wool
- Sugar and water
- Scissors
- Glue
- A small bowl

What to do:

1. Draw a flower on the piece of card, colour it and cut it out.
2. Stick the plastic bottle top in the centre of the flower facing outward.
3. Use sticky tape to attach a straw or cane to the back of the flower and stand this in the pot filled with soil.
4. Mix some sugar with water and soak the ball of cotton wool in the solution.
5. Put the cotton wool inside the bottle top and place your feeder outside somewhere sunny on a warm day.



Activity

Make a salt dough creature

- Mix together 2 cups of plain flour, 1 cup of salt and 1 cup of water until you have a ball of dough
- Mould the dough into the shape of your chosen animal
- Use cutlery, pencils, etc, to add fine detail
- Dry in an airing cupboard, on a sunny window ledge, or on a tray in the oven on a low heat
- When your creature has cooled, paint it and add a final layer of varnish to stop the dough going soft



Activity

Pond dipping

- Make or borrow a pond dipping net and go pond dipping

