

April

10 Ideas for Learning Outside

These are ideas for how you can use your outside space – in a park or in the garden. Some of them can even be done from your window. Enjoy.

1. Create a colour chart for all the colours you can find in your garden or on your daily walk.
2. Look out for bird's nests – look in hedges, high in trees and in long grass – can you spot any?
3. Listen to bird song – can you identify the birds around you by their song? Use this website to help you: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/04/identify-bird-song/>
4. Lie in the garden for 10 minutes and write a list of everything you see: what flies past, what crawls near to you, what moves?
5. Take photos of nature around you – maybe make a photo story of a walk you go on and what you see.
6. Find a spring flower and draw it as carefully and accurately as you can – can label the parts of the flower: the stem, the petals, the stigma, the stamen, the pollen. You might want to watch this silly video to help you: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks1-ks2-ivys-plant-workshop-the-anatomy-of-the-flower/zimhkmn>
7. Find your own “stickman” (like the Julia Donaldson book) and make them clothes and a house. Could they go on an adventure?
8. Spot as many colours of blossom as you can – can you find a tree that has 2 colours of blossom on it? (there is one on Aylestone Road if you live near there!!)
9. Buy some flower seeds from the supermarket and plant them into pots to grow and then give to your neighbours or plant in the your garden for a beautiful summer display.
10. Keep a weather diary: monitor the temperature, the cloud cover, the amount of rain, the wind etc...