



Activity of the Week – Spring has Sprung!

There are signs of Spring all around us now. When you go on your walk, try this Spring Scavenger Hunt and see how many of the things you can find.

<https://primaryplayground.net/scavenger-hunts/>

SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

- 🌸 Find a yellow flower.
- 🌸 Find 3 different shaped leaves.
- 🌸 Find something that is red.
- 🌸 Find a spider web.
- 🌸 Find something that flies.
- 🌸 Name 2 things you see in the sky.
- 🌸 Find something that is long.
- 🌸 Find something that grows that is green.
- 🌸 Find 2 birds.
- 🌸 Find some water.
- 🌸 Find something purple.
- 🌸 Find something that crawls.

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Dandelion Ink

TIP...

if the sap starts to dry whilst writing, simply snip a little further up the stem

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Dandelion Ink

The sap of a Dandelion is white but when you write with it, it is invisible, then watch the magic as it dries. Can you write a message? Try it on different coloured paper and see if there is a difference?

There are lots of Spring activities on Alistair Bryce-Clegg's website <https://abcdoes.com/home-learning>

Natural Art

Collect lots of natural objects. Use them to create some art anywhere and everywhere!

CUTTING THE GRASS!

'SO simple yet so entertaining and effective'

What you need:

- A pair of scissors and some grass!
- Let your children loose with a pair of scissors - endless fun, great cutting skills practise and practical too!
- You could talk about the length of the grass, order it by length, make grass soup, count the grass strands, make a grass collage or whatever other wonderful ideas you can think of!

ALWAYS supervise when children are using sharp objects!

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Make your own ink, help to cut the grass, make pictures out of leaves and petals and if you've got paint you could try printing with flowers and leaves too.

Flower Printing

What you need:

- Various spring flowers
- Trays or containers
- Paint
- Paper
- Pegs

1. Cut the heads off the flowers, leaving a short amount of stem.
2. Attach a peg to each flower head by the stem to make it easier to pick up.
3. Pour some paint into the trays or containers.
4. Dip the flower heads into the trays.
5. Carefully print with the flower heads onto paper.

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Mud cafe

Lots of children enjoy playing in the sand at nursery or playing in the mud kitchen outside.

This week see if you can set up your own mud café in the garden!

This one from

<https://thecraftingchicks.com/>

uses a paddling pool, but you could use an old washing up bowl, toy box or baby bath. Anything that you can put the soil in.



Or these ideas are from <https://cdn.mumsgrapevine.com>

You can use old pots and pans – anything that you can find. Children can make cakes, soup or magic potions.

Nature bracelets

As you go on your walk this week, you could collect things to add to a nature bracelet or a nature crown.



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Rhyme of the Week – Spring is Here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DobrRgD5aOU>

Sing this song from 'The Learning Station' and join in with the actions.

You have to 'Do the bird walk' and 'Strut your thing!'

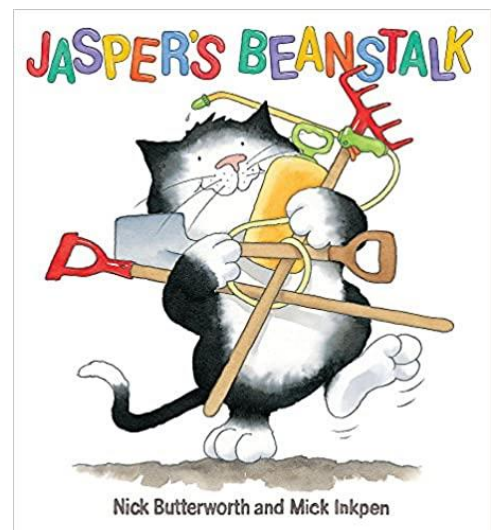
Story of the Week

Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2xLN6KmEUc>

Can you plant a beanstalk like Jasper?

Watch this video for how to plant a bean in a jar or a cup. You can watch the roots and shoots grow before you transfer your plant to the ground or put it in a pot in your garden.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTRW2Cf9U2U>

Have fun playing and learning together!

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