



Nonington school woodland.

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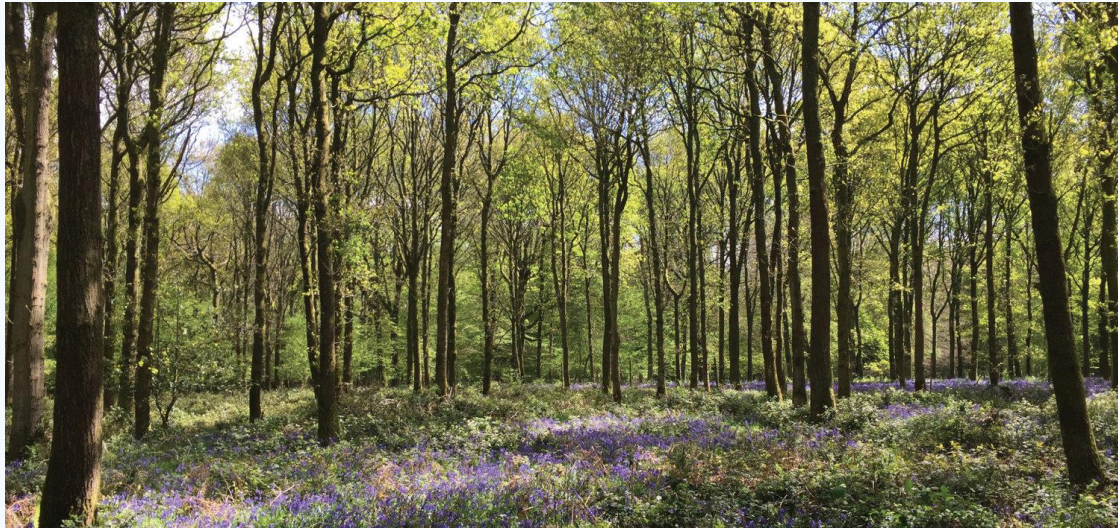


We would like to set you a woodland challenge over the coming weeks. This is something you can do at home.



You can pick
from these
challenges for
this term.

You can do 1, 2, 3 or
more if you want to.



Challenge 1. Make a bug hotel.



Take any small plastic bottle. Get your adult to help cut the bottom off.



Fill the bottle with sticks, grass, stones, pine cones, hay or any other natural materials you find.



Hang the bug hotel in your garden or outside your window. Wait for the bugs to come.

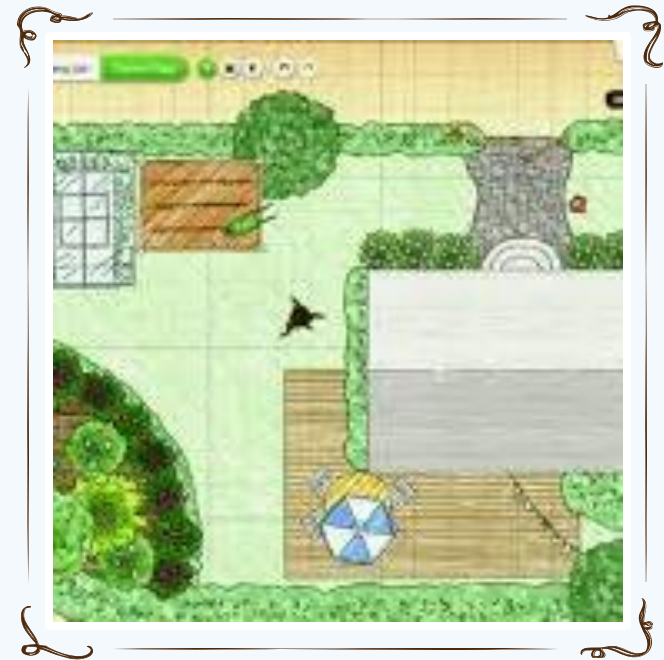
Challenge 2. Draw a map of your bedroom, house and/or garden and label using North, South, East & West. You can use google maps to show an aerial picture of your house.



You can draw a map of your bedroom, showing where your wardrobe, bed TV is.



You can draw a map of your whole house, showing the different floor levels.



You can draw a map of your garden showing where the plants, toys, swings are.

Challenge 3. Whittle using a potato peeler.

You will need:

- A good stick
- A potato peeler
- Sandpaper



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Using the blade of the peeler, carefully scrape the bark away from the stick. Remember to always peel towards the ground.



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When you're happy with the shapes you've made, stop whittling and rub your stick with sandpaper to make it nice and smooth.

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Now you can carefully carve messages or patterns into the wood using the pointy end of the peeler.

Safety tips!

Remember, peelers are sharp, so be careful! Always whittle with an adult. Put your peeler down somewhere safe. Paint your peeler at the ground when you're walking with it. Have a first aid kit handy, and make sure you have plenty of plaster in case of any cuts.



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Challenge 4. Which natural material makes the best paintbrush?

- The task is to see which natural material makes the best paintbrush. You don't have to use real paint for this, you could use mud on paper or just water on concrete.
- Ideas for natural materials:
- Grass
- Moss
- Leaves
- Conifer leaves
- Sticks





Have a pot of paint or make a pot of squelchy mud. Tie the natural material to a stick using string or cotton and paint a picture.

Which is the best material to use?

Does it last long?

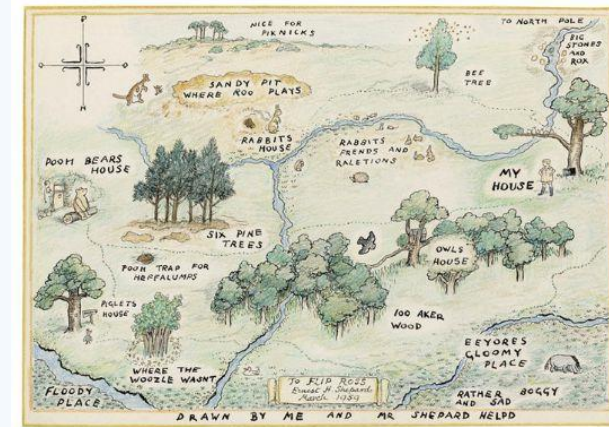
Does it break easily?

What makes the best pattern?

What works best? Paint, water or mud?

Challenge 5. Design your own woodland area.

- Design your own woodland area. It can be as big or as small as you like. Include as much detail as you can. Here are some ideas of what you could draw. Make sure to include labels and basic key features like: trees, gate, tunnel, river, path.



Challenge 6. Write a poem.

- Choose an object, favourite tree, part of the garden, a special place you walk or ride your bike and write a poem about it.
- Stand and look at your chosen object/place.
- Think about what you see, hear, smell, feel.
- The poem does not have to rhyme.
- Try and include as many adjectives, verbs and adverbs as you can.





The tree stands tall and proud,
waving in the stiff breeze,
I hear the leaves rustling,
the blue sky is peeking
through the branches,
rows of bluebells covering
the ground below.

Or

I hear.....
I see.....
I smell.....
I feel.....

Challenge 7. Make a bird feeder.

- Make a bird feeder for your garden or window.
- Be as creative as you want.
- You can use:
 - Old plastic bottles.
 - Pine cones.
 - Old cup and saucer.
 - Toilet roll tube.



You will need: pine cone/toilet roll tube, peanut butter or lard, string, lolly stick or spoon & bird seed.

Spread the peanut butter or lard onto the pine cone, roll in the bird seed, tie the string around it and hang up in the garden or window. Watch see how many birds you get in your garden. Perhaps you can make a tally of which birds you see?



Challenge 8. Build a bridge over a puddle.

- Can you build a bridge over a puddle using what you can see around you?
- It **MUST** be strong enough to hold your weight.
- You can use scrap recycling
- Natural materials (tree branches, logs etc)
- Any garden material (check with your adults what you can and can't use)
- Any other bits and bobs





Look at other bridges around the world.

How can you make your bridge stronger?

Can an adult walk across?

Can 2 people stand on it?

What are bridges usually used for?