

Summer Ideas

<p>Sticky Messages Use sticks and stones to spell out words like "hello" or "be kind" in a local park. You could even spell out your own name like the photo below.</p> 	<p>The Great Outdoors</p>	<p>How Many Butterflies? The big butterfly count 2020 will run from Friday 17th July to Sunday 9th August. Take part here www.bigbutterflycount.org</p>
<p>Rock Painting Paint a rock and leave it in a public place for someone else to find. Use acrylic paints then clear varnish afterwards to make it last for longer.</p> 	<p>Barking Mad Take some paper and wax crayons out in your bag on a walk in the woods. Take rubbings of the bark of interesting trees.</p>	<p>Paddle and Splash Wear wellies or waterproof shoes and paddle in a nearby stream or river.</p> 
<p>Dens Make a den. Use sheets and the washing line or large sticks and canes. https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/10/how-to-build-a-den/</p>	<p>Discover Visit woods that you've never been to before. Use the website below to find new locations to explore. https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/find-woods/</p>	<p>Become a Stone Skimming Champ Find a flat stone and a calm bit of water to practise skimming stones. Check the website below for instructions to perfect your technique. https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/no-5-skim-a-stone</p>
<p>Spot It Have a scavenger hunt. How many yellow things can you see out on your walk? Can you find lots of items that have different textures?</p> 	<p>Woodland Art Use materials found in the woods to create funny faces or patterns. Take photographs to preserve them.</p>	<p>Hill Rolling Rolling down a hill is great fun and a great way to get to the bottom. Just watch out for stones or animal droppings!</p>
<p>Eye spy ABC On a walk or a bike ride see if you can spot things that begin with each letter of the alphabet. Some letters are easier than others.</p> 	<p>Snap Happy Take a camera outside and capture the natural world in all its glory. Take a look at the website below for some top tips. https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/things-to-do/photography/</p>	<p>Pedal Power Go on a long bike ride with your family. Pack a bag with snacks and drinks and don't forget to follow the rules of the road. https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/cycling-safety-for-children/</p>
<p>For even more ideas check this handy list of 50 things to do before you're 11 and $\frac{3}{4}$ from the National Trust https://nt.global.ssl.fastly.net/documents/50-things-activity-list.pdf</p>		

Outdoors Rhyme/Poetry Challenge

Can you learn them off by heart?

Early Readers (approx. YR-Y1)	Developing Readers (approx. Y2-Y3/4)	Fluent Readers (approx. Y4-6)
<p data-bbox="271 288 600 323">Splishy Sploshy Mud</p> <p data-bbox="98 400 533 619">Splishy, sploshy mud is the best type of crud! You can make pies, you can make mountains, you can make giant skies, just with splishy, sploshy mud!</p> <p data-bbox="98 659 752 762">Source: https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/splishy-sploshy-mud</p>	<p data-bbox="1032 288 1196 323">The Swing</p> <p data-bbox="920 363 1308 399">By Robert Louis Stevenson</p> <p data-bbox="779 438 1301 579">How do you like to go up in a swing, Up in the air so blue? Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing Ever a child can do!</p> <p data-bbox="779 624 1211 764">Up in the air and over the wall, Till I can see so wide, River and trees and cattle and all Over the countryside--</p> <p data-bbox="779 809 1301 949">Till I look down on the garden green, Down on the roof so brown-- Up in the air I go flying again, Up in the air and down!</p> <p data-bbox="779 1029 1435 1133">Source: https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/the-swing-by-robert-louis-stevenson</p>	<p data-bbox="1711 288 1874 323">Mountains</p> <p data-bbox="1648 363 1935 399">by Riya Shrivastava</p> <p data-bbox="1458 438 2024 507">Emerges above the land into their peak. It is the sky they constantly seek.</p> <p data-bbox="1458 552 2069 655">From the far distance, we won't notice their height. A view from the top is a spectacular sight.</p> <p data-bbox="1458 700 1995 769">Closely positioned to form a range. Human eyes won't notice the change.</p> <p data-bbox="1458 813 1984 882">Not a prisoner to the immediate time, Challenges many, unforgiving climb.</p> <p data-bbox="1458 927 1966 995">So much more beyond their beauty. Sheltering species, that's their duty.</p> <p data-bbox="1458 1040 2047 1144">Mountains are members of the nature we know, And at the top they often have snow.</p> <p data-bbox="1458 1189 2114 1276">Source: https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/poem-about-mountains</p>