

NATURE'S WONDERS

20 THINGS TO DO.....



Did you know? Jays can copy or mimic other birds' sounds. WOW! See how many different sounds you can copy. The noise of a car horn, your cat's meow? List as many sounds as you can do.



Jethro Tinker just loved nature! A fantastic botanist, his natural history collection included examples of wildflowers, mosses, insects, moths, butterflies and shells. Create a picture inspired by Jethro's collections using natural materials.



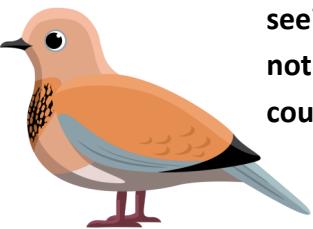
Make a paper bird. Maybe make it just like a paper aeroplane and see if it flies.

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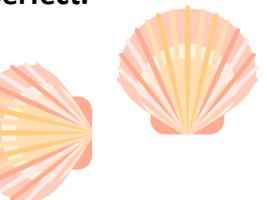
How many different birds can you see? Keep a 'bird log', if you do not know the name perhaps you could try and find out online.



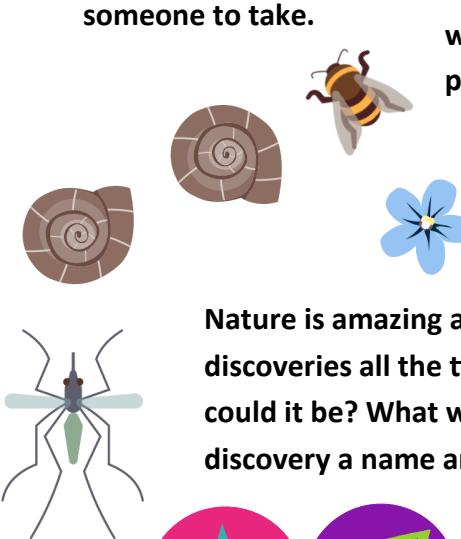
The Wren has a very loud voice, especially when it sings! How loud can you sing for your family? You could even record it and send it to your friends.



Find a rock or pebble in your garden and paint it! Paint whatever you want – maybe you could leave it on your front door step for someone to take.



There are 59 species of butterfly in the UK. All with different coloured wings and patterns. How many can you spot on your walks? Why not draw the patterns you see.



Nature is amazing and scientists are making new discoveries all the time. Invent a new species- what could it be? What would make it special? Give your discovery a name and describe it as best as you can.



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Go on a 'mad moss' or 'lively lichen' walk. How many different kinds of moss or lichen can you spot?

Find a great ID chart at:

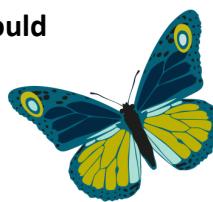
www.opalexplornature.org



Take a selfie with something from nature whilst out in your garden or on a walk.



Go on a bug hunt and see what you can find. Be careful not to squish any and perhaps you could do a drawing of every mini beast you find or maybe build them a bug hotel.



Have a game of eye spy with you family and friends, but all the things you spy have to be nature based.



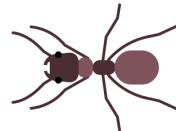
Do a rubbing of anything outside, the surface of a leaf, tree bark, wall. If you cannot get outdoors, are there any surfaces in the home that you could make a rubbing of?



Collect leaves, twigs and anything else you can find and create your own natural sculpture.



Find a few different shaped leaves and create a picture – perhaps a person, using long leaves for arms and legs and rounder leaves for the body and head.



From the exhibition picture take inspiration and draw, write or compose.



Go into your garden and collect some leaves and flower that you can press. If you do not have a flower press you can position your 'finds' and sandwich between tissue or paper within a book and then pile other books on top to add weight and leave. Have a look after a week and see how 'squished' they are.



Take a series of nature inspired photographs either from your window or in your garden.



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