

Year 1 - Plants

National curriculum objectives:

Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees

Ideas of how to do this whilst on lock down:

- If you have a garden, or when taking your daily walk, encourage your child to observe closely (using a magnifying glass if you have one or zoom in on a camera) at the different types of plants and trees that they see.
- Take photos of the plants and trees so you can use when you return home.
- Use the internet or a gardening book and together identify the names of the plants or trees.
- Talk about which ones are your favourite and why. How are they similar, how are they different?
- Encourage the children to sort the photos into wild or garden plants, evergreen or deciduous trees. Consider questions such as 'why do we use Fir trees as Christmas trees in our homes?'
- Ask children to carefully observe the plants and draw them – note their size, shape of their leaves, flowers etc.

Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

Ideas of how to do this whilst on lock down:

- Where possible, children should observe the growth of flowers and vegetables that they have planted.
- Observe the structure of plants and trees closely either first hand or using a book or internet
- Identify leaves, flowers (blossom), petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed, trunk, branches.

Make a leaf tile

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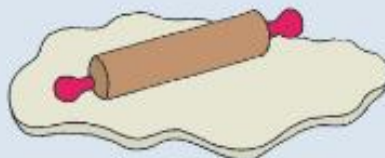
You will need

- two cups of plain flour 
- one cup of salt 
- one cup of water 
- two tablespoons of cooking oil 
- Mixing bowl 
- Wooden spoon 
- Rolling pin 
- Different types of leaves 
- Knife 
- Paint and brushes 

1 Mix all your ingredients together in the bowl.



2 Roll out the dough until it's about 1cm thick.



3 Carefully press a leaf into the dough (vein-side down). When you pull the leaf away, it should leave an imprint.



4 Cut your leaf imprint out of the dough in a square tile.



5 Bake at 100°C (gas mark 2) for two hours.



6 Paint your tiles. You could paint your leaves a summery green, or an autumnal orange!



Ask an adult to help trimming and baking your tile.