

Environmental Learning 29th June

Tree Faces

What do you need?

- A range of natural materials for example sticks, moss, feathers, mud, leaves, wool and grass.
- A tree, log or an outside wall (ask permission before using a wall)
- Mud, clay or play-doh

Activity

- Gather together a range of natural materials, including leaves, stones and sticks.
- Use the mud, clay or play-doh to create features of a face on the side the tree, log or wall you are using.
- Once the mud, clay or play-doh is in place, use the natural materials to decorate your faces. You could use stones for eyes or leaves for hair, maybe even moss for a beard!
- Always get permission to make your faces first so that you choose a suitable surface to use.



Challenge!

Maybe you could make a number of hidden faces in the park on the trees with your family!

Grow your own potatoes

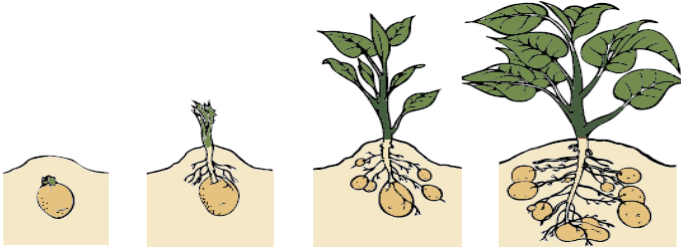


What You'll Need:

- Old potatoes
- A container, flat pot or bin bag with holes in the bottom
- Soil

Activity:

- Ask your parents for 3 or 4 old potatoes. Any potatoes which have strange looking sprouts sticking out of them are perfect!
- Keep them in a cool, dry place (not in direct sunlight) for 2 weeks until the sprouts coming out of them are longer and stronger.
- Make sure your container has holes in the bottom to allow water to drain through. Ask an adult for help with this.
- Place soil in your container – roughly 2 of your hands deep, from wrist to tip of middle finger.
- Place your potatoes spaced out on top of the soil and place just enough soil on top to cover them.
- As the leaves of your potatoes begin to grow, cover them with soil. This seems strange, but it forces the plants energy into the roots where new potatoes will grow. Your potatoes should take 12 weeks to grow.



Stargazing

Summer time is a great time to look up at night and discover a world full of stars! There are so many things to learn about space exploration, the planets and the universe.

- Stargazing is easy! All you need to do is stand, sit or lie down in your garden (or look out of your window) at night and try to spot as many stars as you can!
- You can use the link below to learn more about space and stargazing, as well as find star maps to help you to identify the stars you might be able to see in the night sky.
- Maybe you could make a scrapbook about all the stars and planets you can see in the night sky and research about them through books or the internet.
- At certain times of the year, you can see shooting stars, meteors, space stations and comets in the sky at night! See what you can discover about space and try out stargazing with your family - you never know what you might see!

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