

Week Beginning: 1st June 2020

## THEME: The Great Outdoors



June is here and spring turns into summer. We are allowed outside for more exercise so it's time to appreciate The Great Outdoors.

We have lots of fun activities to do outside. This can be in your garden, however big or small, or when you are out and about taking your daily exercise.

Remember that there is no expectation for you to complete all these activities. Pick and choose the activities that interest and inspire you.

Have fun and stay safe.



### Whole Family

*Clambering through the overgrown trees and bushes, you come across a set of tall glistening gates. You put your hand into your pocket and pull out the heavy iron key you found hidden in some rocks. Could it be?...*

*You carefully place the key inside the lock and turn... \*click\**

*Buzzing with excitement, you push the heavy gates and with a loud creak they slowly open.*

*You step through the gates and gasp at the view of your secret garden...*

The Royal Horticultural Society is running a Design a Secret Garden competition based on the classic story of The Secret Garden. Further details and an entry form can be found at:

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/The-Secret-Garden>

This competition was due to close at the end of April when the film adaptation of the book was to be released. However, the film release date has now been moved and deadline for entries has been extended, so let your imagination run wild and design your own secret garden! At the time of writing, no closing date has been given so please check on the website before starting or submitting any entries.

The winning design will have a chance to see their garden, or elements of it, brought to life in school or the community. The winners and runners up will also win an exclusive movie goody bag.

Unfortunately, we cannot collate any entries at school under the current circumstances so please send your entry directly to the competition organisers, details on the bottom of the entry form.

It would be great to see a copy of any entries on the Family Challenge blog on Purple Mash (details below).

Good luck.

### Whole Family

This June, join thousands of people taking part in The Wildlife Trusts' annual nature challenge, 30 Days Wild! Register online at <https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/57739/petition/1> and do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

Go on a nature scavenger hunt...what can you spot? You can try this in your own garden or outdoor space or on a walk with your family. Here at Wildlife Watch <https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/spotting-sheets> you can find some fantastic spotter sheets such as

- Minibeast detective
- Nature treasure hunt
- Ladybird detective
- Summer flowers

Or why not make one of your own? You could design a spotter sheet for another member of your family to follow – draw or write the things you have seen on to a spotter sheet and see if they can complete it. Or take a blank sheet out in to the garden or on you walk – what do you see? Flowers? Minibeasts? Birds? Can you name them? You could take a camera and take snapshots of things you see then look them up when you get home.

### Whole Family

Have a look at the National Trust's '50 things to do before you're 11  $\frac{3}{4}$ '

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11--activity-list> A lot of the listed activities can be done in your own back garden or yard and others can be completed while on a local walk. There are also a few (such as numbers 15 and 42) which you can save and plan as special activities for after lockdown has ended! Do you think you will be able to tick off all 50?

### Whole Family -

Host a family sports day in your garden. Try and include all the traditional races and activities: egg and spoon, relay, obstacle course, skipping, running and target throwing. Maybe invent your own family races too! You could create a circuit of activities and keep score – see family sports day sheet at the bottom of the page for more ideas.

When you've finished your family sports day, why not try the following Purple Mash 2Do activities.

#### YR/KS1 –

**Medal** – Did you win a medal in your garden sports day? Design your own medal.

**Sprinter** – Use the MashCam to create a picture of yourself as a sprinter and write a sentence about how you felt when competing in your sports day.

This work will be added to a Purple Mash Display Board so you can share your work with your friends. Let your teacher know in the comments box when you hand your work in if you don't want it to be shared.

#### KS2 –

**Family Garden Sports Day News** - After your family sports day has finished, let everyone know how it went by writing a news report. You may want to take some photographs during your sports day to add to your report. If you would like to share your work, add it to the Family Challenge blog.

### Whole Family

Many sports people listen to music before they compete to get them focused and motivated. Cristiano Ronaldo listens to Phil Collins before kick-off. Usain Bolt enjoys a mix of hip hop and reggae, The Canadian Women's rugby team listen to 'Hey Brother' by Avicii in their dressing room before every game. Can you create a family playlist of songs that would focus and motivate your family for your garden sports day?



### EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

#### Photograph competition

We are asking you to take a photograph to show 'the wonderful world of wildlife'.

It is up to you to decide how your photo will show 'the wonderful world of wildlife'. Maybe you will search for something when you are out for a walk. Maybe you will create something and then photograph it. Let your imagination run wild.

Please add your photographs to the Family Challenge Blog on Purple Mash (see details at the bottom of the page). We will pick a winner and award a small prize for the best photograph.

Parents: please note, we would like the children to take the photograph and not the adults.

### Whole Family



We now have access to the online resources of Early Start Languages in all the languages we teach in school. These are the videos many of you have seen in class.

Log in using the details on the attached sheet at the bottom of the page – once you get in there you will be able to view the videos, try out the flashcards and play a game to revise your colours.

#### **This week, I have made a colour-by-number resource of flowers.**

Once you've revised the colours with Early Start and have got them in your head, have a go at the picture resource – see if you can do it from memory! When you are looking at the sheet, try to spot any similarities between the names of the colours in the other languages and to English!

For a bit of fun, you could also try learning a famous mini-beast nursery rhyme in another language!

#### **Incy Wincy Spider**

German - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fooKpHLGNjk>

French - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YDYa4iWGEA>

Spanish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Y7wqwe9uR0>

### Whole Family

Why not make your garden more wildlife friendly by making a home for nature. There are lots of simple ideas on the RSPB website from beetle buckets to toad holes. The following link has lots of step by step activity sheets to make simple but effective homes.

[www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/lesson-plans-and-supporting-resources/homes-for-nature](http://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/lesson-plans-and-supporting-resources/homes-for-nature)

Don't forget to take a photo to share on the Family Challenge blog on Purple Mash.

## KS2

If the weather in the great outdoors stops you going out, then try the Minecraft Adventurer challenge indoors at <https://code.org/minecraft>.



There are video tutorials from the creators of Minecraft and 14 different challenges to try and complete. Have a fun adventure and stay away from the lava!

## Whole Family

Spending time outdoors is good for your health.



Try some of these calming, outdoor mindfulness activities:

- Lie down and look up at the clouds. What shapes can you see?
- Take a few seconds to smell a wildflower, a plant or the leaves of a tree.
- Listen to the sounds of nature. Can you hear the wind in the trees? Can you hear the chirping of a bird?
- Blow leaves off the palm of your hand. Think about how much breath you need to use to blow different types of leaves.

## Family Challenge Blog

If you would like to share any of your work or photos, we would love to see them on the Family Challenge Blog in Purple Mash. This is a private Wicklewood Primary School community blog. You must get parent/carer approval before posting or commenting.

To access the blog, login to PurpleMash and select the sharing tab at the top of the screen. Then select the shared blogs tab and the Family Challenge Blog.

To add a new post, use the green + button or to add kind and positive comments on existing posts use the post comment button. All posts and comments need teacher approval before they are added so please be patient!

