

Outdoor Classroom in Spring

A resource for parents and teachers within the 'Spring' theme for learning. This resource is suitable for primary school aged children and children with SEN.

There is so much learning to explore outside and it can be a really enjoyable learning experience for pupils. The following activities could be used when engaging with the "Spring" theme for Learning.

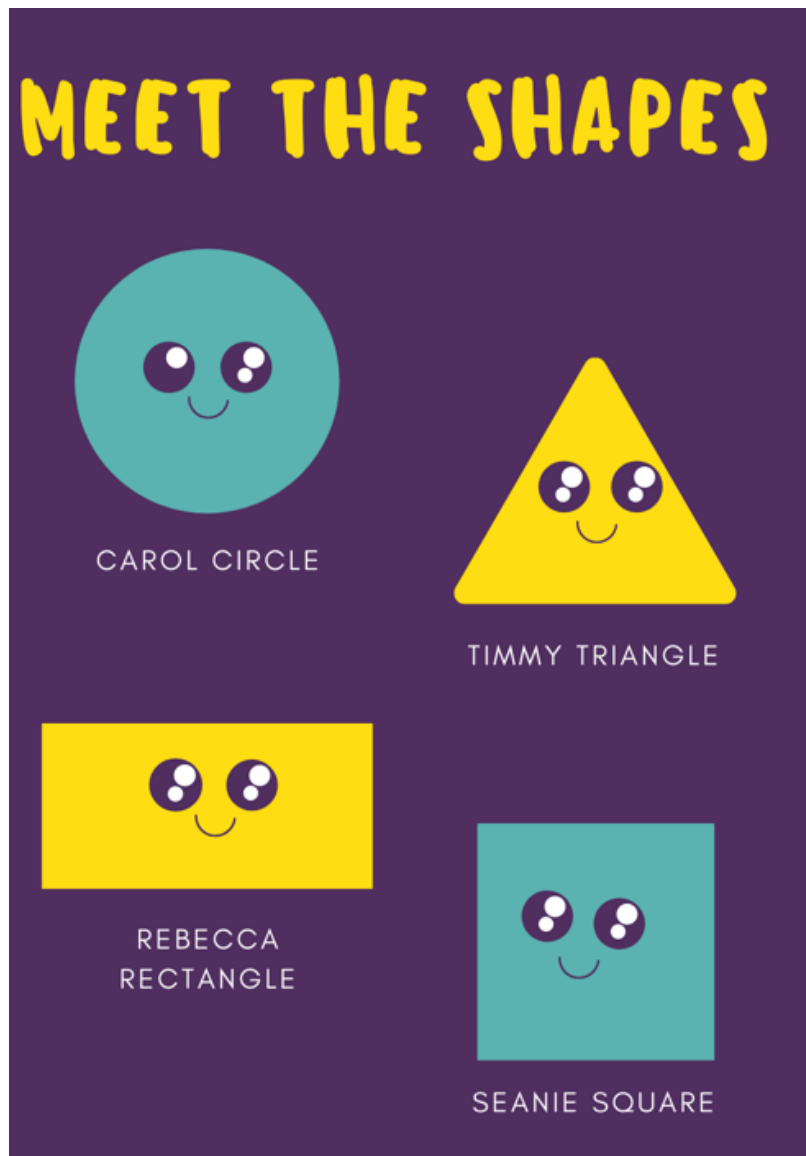
Checklist

OUTSIDE CLASSROOM

- ☐ Chalk
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Paper and a pencil
- ☐ A Ziplock Bag
- ☐ A bowl and some cling film
- ☐ Containers (lunchboxes, cups, bowls etc.
- ☐ String
- ☐ Balloons

Activity 1: Meet the shapes!

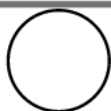
The shapes below can be found in many places – have a quick look around and see if you can find them anywhere.



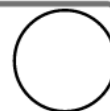
On the next page you can tick off the shapes that you found and either write down or draw what you found them on. Here's a tip – don't forget to look at windows or wheels on cars!



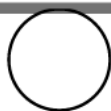
TIMMY TRIANGLE



SEANIE SQUARE



CAROL CIRCLE



REBECCA
RECTANGLE



Activity 2: Time for an investigation.

Today you are the puddle investigators! Take the chalk/crayon out and find a puddle or an area of water and draw around it. Leave it for a few hours and see what happens to it when you come back. Will it still be there, or will it have disappeared?



You can also see if a leaf or a flower will float or sink in your puddle.

What about a little pebble or a twig?

Activity 3: Look around. Can you spot any trees?

- What does the trunk of the tree feel like?
- Can you wrap your hands around the tree?
- If the tree is very tall and touching the sky – can you see any birds in the tree?












Activity 4: Let's wake up our senses.

Stand still and take a deep breath. Let's listen and see if you can hear anything. Can you hear cars or birds or people talking? Are they near or are they far away?

(You can draw what you heard or use the checklist below to tick them off)

Outdoor Sounds

Can you hear any of the following?

 <input type="checkbox"/> Cars	 <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs	 <input type="checkbox"/> Planes
 <input type="checkbox"/> Birds singing	 <input type="checkbox"/> Children playing	 <input type="checkbox"/> Wind blowing
 <input type="checkbox"/> Lawnmower	 <input type="checkbox"/> Bees buzzing	 <input type="checkbox"/> Leaves rustling







Activity 5: Now let's try to see what we can smell.

Breathe in through your nose – what can you smell? What is your favourite smell?

You can draw what you could smell or use the checklist below to tick them off)

Outdoor Smells

Can you smell any of the following?

 Flowers	 Smoke from a Chimney	 Grass
 Food cooking	 Clothes on the line	 Herbs

Activity 6: Crayon rubbings

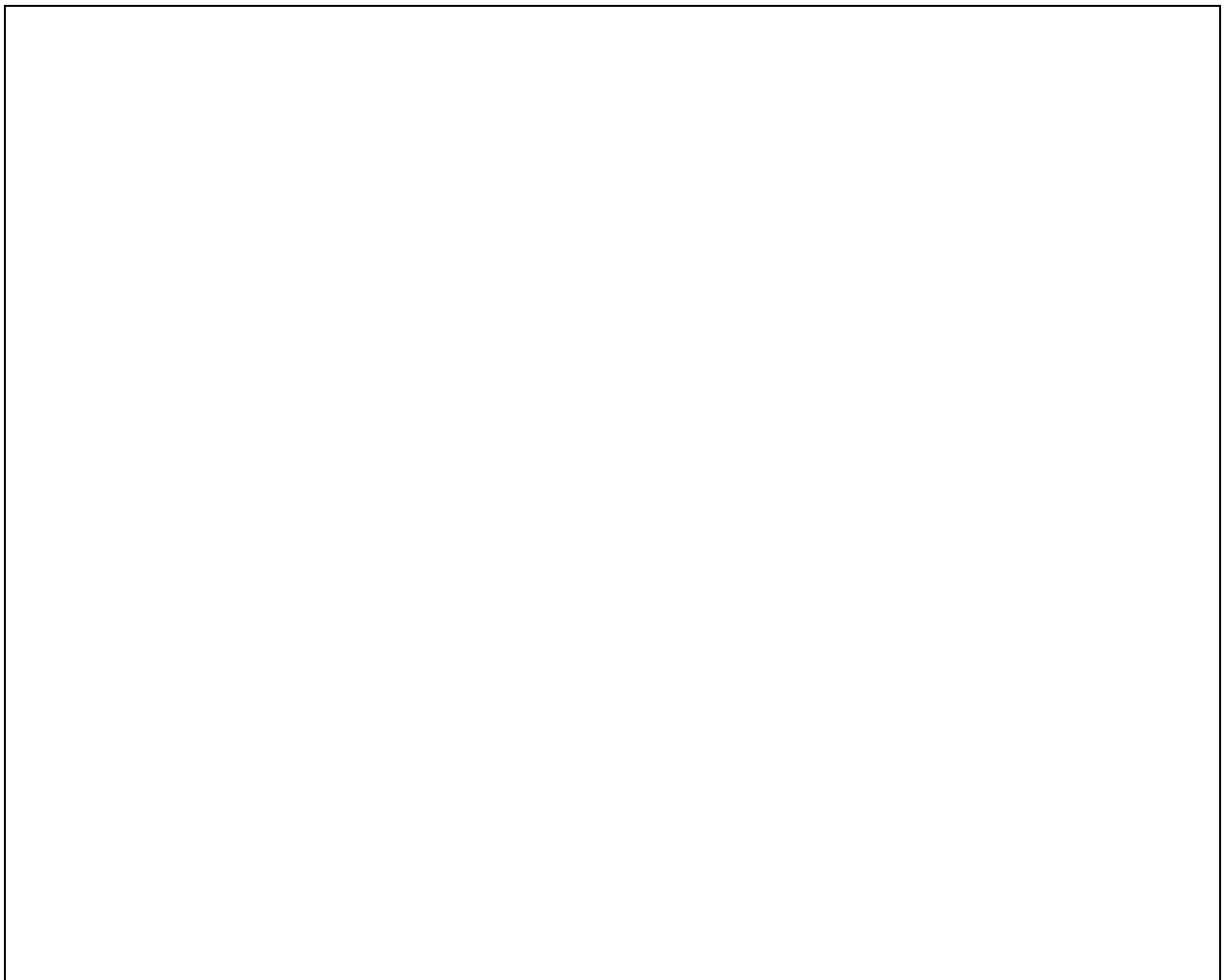
Get your crayons we are going to do some rubbings. Can you find four different things to rub – they can be hard like a wall or the ground, or soft like a leaf or the tree bark.



<p>Rubbing 1</p>	<p>Rubbing 2</p>
<p>Rubbing 3</p>	<p>Rubbing 4</p>

Activity 7: The clouds!

If there are clouds in the sky, look up at them. Sometimes clouds can look like many things, rockets, dinosaurs, dolphins – can you see anything in the clouds? If you like to draw then you can draw what you see below. (If there are no clouds then see if you can spot anything in the picture).



Activity 8: ICE activity

If it looks like it's going to be a cold night, place some containers filled with water outside and put a bit of string in them. In the morning you should have some freezing decorations to hang in your garden. You could also use a balloon filled with water and place this outside overnight. In the morning pop the balloon and you will have ice balloons!

Activity 9: Let's count!

Can you see any numbers around you? Are there numbers on the houses or the cars? Can you count how many trees there are or maybe how many flowers you can see? Maybe you can see three green things?

Activity 10: Collecting raindrops

Place some cling film over a bowl and leave outdoors overnight – in the morning it should have collected some raindrops on it. Let's see if you can make the water dance up and down by tapping your fingers on the cling film.

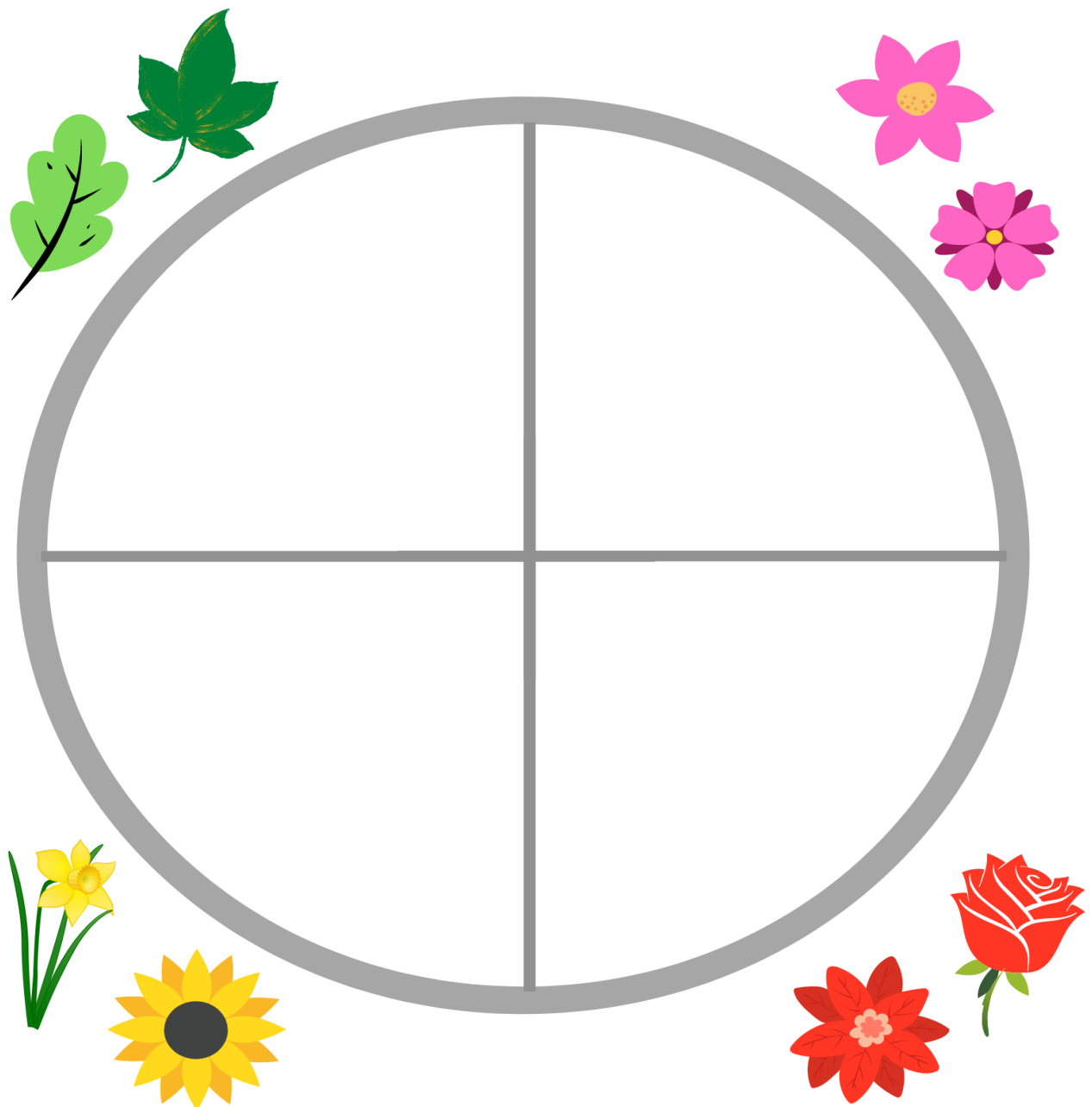


Activity 11: Colour Wheel

Use this colour wheel to go on a Spring colour hunt in your garden. You can place things on the wheel, stick things in or even draw them.

Spring Colour Wheel

Can you find anything that matches the colours on the wheel?
You can stick them in, or draw them!



Activity 12: Pretend to be flower buds

To finish our outdoor learning we are going to pretend to be little flower buds shooting up into beautiful flowers. Crouch down really low and hug yourself to make your body smaller. Ask your parent to sprinkle a little magic water on you and **SPRING** up as fast as you can touching the sky and waving around in the breeze like the beautiful flower you are 😊



Extra Sensory Activities:

Look out for these when you are learning outside. If you find any of them you can see how they all feel, look and smell. Collect them in your Ziplock Bag!

- Lacy skeleton leaves
- Silky flower petals
- Tickly lichen
- Flexible grasses
- Rough tree roots
- Furry moss
- Rigid bark
- Brittle twigs
- Prickly pine needles
- Smooth flower buds
- Crumbly rotten wood
- Waxy evergreen leaves
- Gritty soil

