

## Title: Trees

Ages: EYS and KS1

Particularly useful for EYS and KS1 as the activities are at an easier level though can be used for most ages. These activities that can be used as a lesson plan, or as stand-alone fun.

### 1. Intro Activity - Why are trees important?

Length of time: Minimum 10mins

Spend some time thinking of ideas of why trees are important, maybe write up a list or draw some pictures of all the different reasons you can think as to why they are important.

#### What you'll need:

Paper/ Pen/ Colouring Pencils

#### Questions and Hints:

- Why do WE need to trees?
- How many things around the home/classroom are made from trees?
- Do any other living things need trees? Why?

### 2. Main Activity – Shape sorting and Identification

Length of time: Flexible depending on number of trees

Look at the trees around school/ in the garden/ near to home - what different leaves can you find? Send the children off to find leaves – then get them to bring them back and sort the leaves into piles - grouping the leaves into shapes. For KS1 use the useful guides on our webpage to work out what type of leaves might be there.

#### Questions:

- What was the most popular tree?
- What is your favourite leaf?
- Can you name at least 2 types of tree?

### 3. Further the session – Get Creative

Length of time: Flexible minimum 10 mins each

**Bark rubbings:** Put a piece of paper against the trunk of a tree and using a crayon on its side - gently rub it over

**Leaf rubbings:** Put a leaf under a piece of paper and using a crayon on its side – gently rub it over.

#### What you'll need:

Paper and wax crayons

#### Questions

- What is your favourite pattern?
- Can you write the name of the tree above the leaf/bark rubbing?
- Can you have a go at drawing one the leaves instead?

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