

Title: Trees

Ages: KS2

Particularly useful for KS2 though can be used for most ages. Here are some tree-mendous 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 a poster 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 - Identification

Length of time: Flexible depending on number of trees

Look at the trees around school/ in the garden/ near to home - what trees are there? Use the useful guides on our webpage to work out what species of trees are there. If the leaves are not out yet make sure to look at the twigs and bark. If time, create a tally on how many of each tree you find. Write up the results later.

What you'll need:

ID Charts / Books / Spotter Sheet

Questions:

- What was the most popular tree?
- Were some trees easier to identify than others - if so what was it and why?

3. Follow up session - "My Tree"

Length of time: Flexible

Pick your favourite tree, maybe the one in your garden or maybe one that you love to play by at school. Create a fact sheet or a diary. Study it, draw it in a note pad and write up notes about it. Take photos too if you can and maybe go online/ read some books and do some research on your tree.

What you'll need:

Pen/ Paper/ Colouring Pens/ Glue

Questions and things to include:

- What other living things are on or using your tree? Can you identify them and add them to your diary?
- What does the leaf look like?
- Does it have any seeds or flowers – draw them/stick them in
- Go back in a few weeks has it changed?

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