

# Virtual Handsworth Pre-School: Weekly Bulletin 5



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**My favourite thing about Pre-School this week might have been:** Thinking about the animals we might find in the forest, thinking about the different lengths and different coloured leaves we could find in the woods and how we can camp outside.

**Our focus for the week is:** Camping, forest and woods

## Pre-School Leader's News:

Welcome to our 5<sup>th</sup> virtual Pre-School bulletin. This week, we're thinking about the countryside, woods, forests and camping. We all love a bit of camping – and indoors is as good as outside! Zoey has come up with some great ideas about how we can explore the forests and woods around us (if we are able), and how we can bring the outside in. It's also World Earth Day on Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) April. Some resources available here: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/event/earth-day-2020>. Earth Day is swiftly followed by St George's Day on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Why not combine the two and use recycled materials to make a lair for your dragon? <https://www.earlylearninghq.org.uk/celebrations-festivals/st-georges-day/>. At the end of the week, Ramadan begins: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/early-years-understanding-the-world/early-years-festivals-and-cultural-celebrations/early-years-eid-ul-fitr/3>.

The Department for Education (DfE) this week has launched some more 'home learning' materials and guidance. The 'Hungry Little Minds' programme is aimed at Early Years: <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>. They have also published some guidance on supporting your child's education whilst at home: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

I know many of you will have received last week your offers for Reception places at school. If you have any questions or concerns about your offers or the next steps, please do get in touch. This term, we would be looking at supporting transition for all children. In particular, in the first half term, we would be stepping up our work on letters and sounds, pen control, number, measures, time and money etc. If your child is starting school, or is ready for a bit more challenge, you may also want to look at the DfE resources and online material for primary schools, Reception year: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

Until next time, *Janet*

## Craft Activities:

Everyone loves being out doors and there is lots we can do to play and learn.

- Make some smores with crackers and marshmallows.
- Can you make a stick man or stick house? Collect all the sticks on a daily exercise or from your outdoor space and make a stick family.
- Can you make your own camp fire to keep you warm? Use some orange, yellow and red paint/tissue paper or anything you can find to create your own.
- Make some binoculars to help you spot things. Get two toilet roll holder paint and decorate them with pens, paint, tissue paper, glitter anything you can use and then stick them both together once dry. You can now go hunting for insects.
- Can you make leaf prints with paint? Collect lots of leaves and see what patterns they make when you press them in paint then print them on some paper



### Play Ideas:

- What will you sleep in outside in the forest while camping? A tent? Let make one!! You can do this inside or outside. Grab some blankets and throw them over a table or some chairs spread out unless you're lucky enough to have a real tent. Get some teddies or toys to come join your camping experience maybe have a smore or two? Maybe they would prefer a healthy snack? Can you think of a healthy snack to have?
- Get your magnified glass or binoculars and see how many Insects you can find? Lady bird? Bee? Ant? Woodlice? Frog? Spider? Butterfly? Grasshopper? Snail? Worm? Did you find anything that I did not mention?

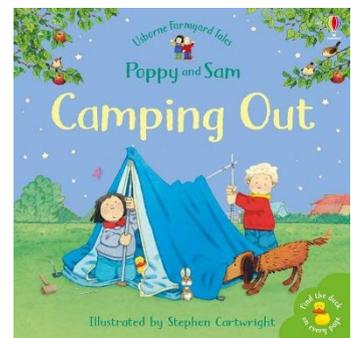


### Books, Stories, Rhymes Etc

- Poppy and Sam go camping by Usborne farm yard tales
- Good night campsite By Lorreta Sponsler
- The stick Man by Julia Donaldson
- We are going on a bear hunt by Michael Rosen.

Try singing some songs;

- A camping we will go
- Ring-a-ring-a-roses
- 5 little speckled frogs
- Try singing a weather song



### A Camping We Will Go

A camping we will go,  
a camping we will go,  
The great outdoors is so much fun,  
a camping we will go.

We'll sleep in our big tent,  
We'll sleep in our big tent,  
The great outdoors is so much fun,  
We'll sleep in our big tent.

We'll make smores at night,  
We'll make smores at night,  
The great outdoors is so much fun,  
We'll make smores at night.



-Observed by RainbowsWithinReach-

### The Weather Song

(sung to the tune 'Oh My Darling  
Clementine')

What's the weather?  
What's the weather?  
What's the weather like today?  
Is it sunny? Is it windy?  
Is it rainy? Is it cold?

What's the weather?  
What's the weather?  
What's the weather like today?  
Is it snowy? Is it cloudy?  
is it stormy? Is it hot?



# How Many ?

Count the similar animals and write the number



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### **Exploring Number and Shape:**

- How many trees can you see?
- What shapes can you make with some of the stick you collected? Can you make a triangle? Or square? Or a diamond?
- Look around in the forest or your garden what shapes can you see in the environment?
- How many smores can you fit in a cracker or bowl?