Science

Plants

Terrific Trees
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Aim

- I can identify trees by their leaves.
- I can sort deciduous and evergreen leaves.

Success Criteria

- I can match leaves I have collected to pictures of a leaf.
- I can use my activity sheet to say the names of the trees that the leaves belong to.
- I can look closely at the leaves and match the description to what I see.
- I can sort the cards into two groups.

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Terrific Trees

Today we are going to be learning about trees!

There are two types of tree, deciduous and evergreen.

What do you think makes a tree an evergreen?

(The clue is in the name!)

evergreen

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Terrific Trees

An evergreen tree keeps its green leaves all year round, even in the winter.

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Terrific Trees

A deciduous tree loses its leaves each year.

Do you know what time of year it is when the leaves usually fall from the trees?

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Terrific Trees

In autumn, the leaves on deciduous trees usually change colour and fall off. If they have fruit, it will be ready to eat.

In winter, deciduous trees usually have no leaves on their branches.

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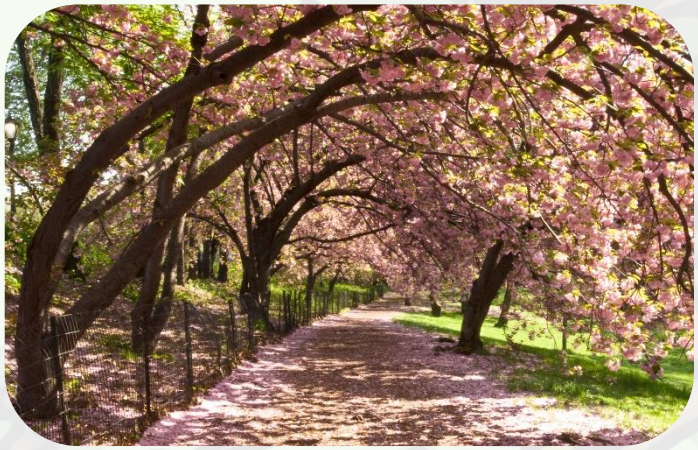
Terrific Trees



In spring, the trees grow beautiful blossoms and new leaves.

In summer, deciduous trees have many leaves and some begin to grow fruit.

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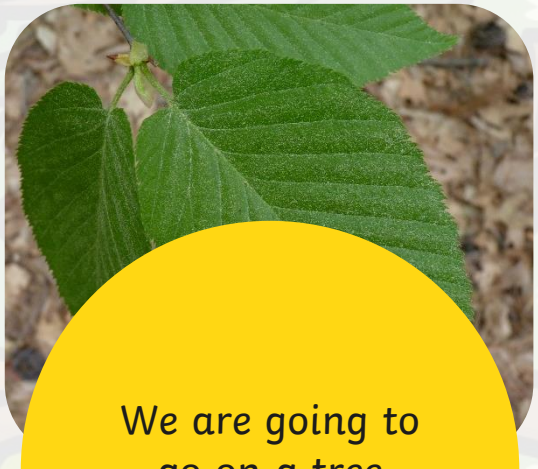
Tree Hunt



We are going to go on a tree hunt!

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Tree Hunt

You will need:

A Tree Hunt Activity Sheet

A magnifying glass

A leaf collection pouch

A pencil

A clipboard

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Tree Hunt

There are lots of different types of trees growing in this country.

We are going to hunt for trees in the area around us.

When you find a new tree, try to find one of its leaves on the floor.

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Tree Hunt

Look at the leaf carefully using a magnifying glass and find the leaf on your leaf on the tree identification sheet.

Tick the tree you have found and put the leaf in your leaf collection pouch.

If you find a leaf that you can't identify, collect it and bring it back to school!

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Tree Hunt

Tree Hunt

Look carefully for these trees. Check each tree off when you spot it.

oak ☐ holly ☐ hawthorn ☐

silver birch ☐ elder ☐ rowan ☐

ash ☐ horse chestnut ☐ lime ☐

beech ☐ yew ☐ sycamore ☐

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What Did We Find?

ash

beech

birch

elder

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sycamore

yew

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What Did We Find?

Whole Class

Which tree did you see the most?

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What Did We Find?

Whole Class

Did you find any leaves that were not on the activity sheet?

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Deciduous or Evergreen?

Look at the cards you have been given. Which leaves are from evergreen trees and which of them are deciduous?

Look closely at the leaves on the sorting cards.

Sort the leaves into two groups.

Evergreen leaves are:

- thick
- waxy
- small
- narrow like needles

Deciduous leaves are:

- broad
- flat
- have veins running through them

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