



Looking to the future

Time to complete: 30-40 mins

Recommended for: KS2 & 3

National curriculum links: English, Science and PSHE

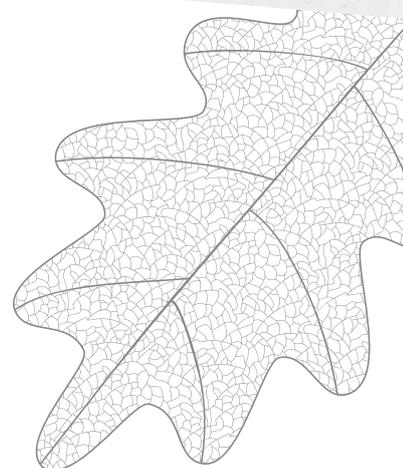
It's the beginning of a new term - a new class of children, new relationships to build, learning gaps to assess and so much more.

Every child's experience over the last six months will have been different. Some will be excited about being back in school, others may be apprehensive, some will have enjoyed a different style of learning at home and others may find it harder concentrating in class or not want to talk about their experiences.

Here are a couple of activities to help you and your class get to know each other again and look forward to the future.

You will need:

- An old jam jar
- Paper or leaves
- Colouring pens
- Scissors
- Glue



Introduction

Ask the class if they know what a forester is.

Explain that part of a forester's job is to plant and look after trees. Can they guess how long a tree takes to grow?

For some trees, it takes hundreds of years. The oldest tree is over 2000 years old! This means that a forester plants saplings so that the next generation will have woods and forests to provide them oxygen, shade from the sun and a place to play. Foresters look forward and plan for the future.

Today, the class can have a go at thinking like a forester and look to the future. Print off the activity sheet overleaf and hand out copies to your class.

Tell us what you thought of this activity.

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Looking to the future

At Forestry England we love and care for trees and wildlife. Trees take many years to grow, so we are always planning and dreaming big so that we will have woods and forests to enjoy in the future.

What are your dreams and plans for the future?

1. Dream jar

- 1. Collect some leaves, draw around them and then cut them out. If you prefer, you can draw your own leaf design**
- 2. Select a few leaves and write on them your dreams for the future**
- 3. You may like to include:**
 - Three things you love doing and three things you would like to do in the future
 - Your favourite place
 - Something you are looking forward to
- 4. Get creative and decorate your jar with some more leaves or add some nature inspired objects**
- 5. Keep your jar safe and keep adding your dreams to it**



2. Thank you leaf

A 'thank you' can make us smile and make us feel special.

Leaves play an important part on trees. They capture sunlight and help to turn it into energy and food for the tree to grow. Many of our friends, family, teachers and even pets play an important part in our lives and make us feel warm and safe.

On the leaves you have left, write the names of those who are important to you. Let them know that you think they are great and that you enjoy their company. Share a memory of a time you had together. Add the leaves to your jar.

