Spring is in the Air

Bringing Westonbirt Arboretum to you

A self led activity resource for families

Please Note: it is critical that people follow the government's guidelines on social distancing to protect each other, to slow the spread of the coronavirus and support our NHS.



Spring at Westonbirt Arboretum is full of trees, shrubs and flowers bursting into bloom and waking up from their winter sleep. Unfortunately at the moment we cannot visit Westonbirt, so this pack contains some activities and ideas to help you connect with trees and nature on your daily exercise walk; in the garden or through the window.

- 1. Signs of Spring 'I Spy'
- 2. Spring flower colouring sheet
- 3. Songs of Spring—Tulips from Amsterdam

Have a search online for the Max Bygrave song Tulips from Amsterdam and sing along.

- 4. A craft activity to make your own miniature cherry blossom tree
- 5. A craft activity to make a spring flower picture

Spring I Spy

Can you spy all the signs of spring?



Pussy Willow



Daffodils



Daisies



Catkin



Grape Hyacinth



Cherry Blossom



Primrose



Frogspawn



Bird Nests



Tulips From Amsterdam

Max Bygraves

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Share these tulips from Amsterdam

Make a Miniature Cherry Blossom Tree







Step 1.

For this activity you will need a twig that looks like a miniature bare tree, a glue stick, pink or cream coloured paper or card (empty packaging is good — I used a herbal tea bag packet), a hole punch, and a small ball of clay or play dough.



Step 3.

Rub the glue stick along the 'branches' of the twig and dip the twig into the paper dots, taking care not to break it.





Use the hole punch to make lots of dots with the coloured paper and place them onto a surface you don't mind being covered in glue (I used an old piece of cardboard)



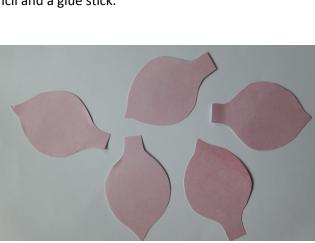


Place into the ball of clay so it can stand up and leave to dry.

Make a Spring Flower Picture



For this activity you will need coloured paper, card, scissors, a pencil and a glue stick.



Step 2.

Use the template to make 5 petals from the coloured paper .



Step 4.

Overlap the cut tabs and glue to create a shallow bowl shape effect.



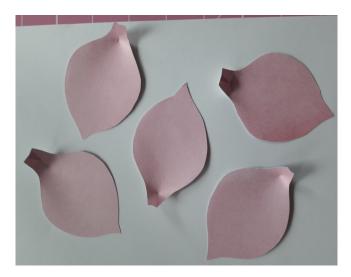


Draw a petal shape onto a piece of card and cut out to make a template.





Make a small cut at the bottom of each petal.



Step 5. Repeat on all 5 petals.



Step 6.

Onto a piece of card, draw a small circle for each flower you want to make.





Glue the first petal on the edge of one of the circles.



Step 8.

Repeat for the remaining petals of the flower.



Step 10.

Repeat to make the remaining flowers.





Cut a small circle out of contrasting paper and glue in the centre of the flower .





Use the template to cut out some green leaves and glue to the picture. Finally display your creation.