



Earth Day- 22nd April 2020

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, it now includes events co-ordinated globally by the Earth Day Network in more than 193 countries.

Earth day snacks (food tech) –

Here are just a few ideas of how you can make some Earth Day snacks, using any fruits and vegetables you have available.

To make the rice crispy Earth spheres I have attached a recipe below, and just add some blue and green food colourings to the recipe. Then shape the mixture into spheres. This is a very sensory activity as well as making an Earth Day snack. https://www.ricekrispies.com/en_US/recipes/the-original-treats-recipe.html



Leaf printing –

Celebrate Earth Day by enjoying nature on a walk or in a safe outside space. You could collect a variety of different leaves, noting their similarities/differences, length and colour.

Dip one side of the leaf into the paint, then press the leaves onto paper/card creating a leaf print.

You could create lots of different patterns, and turn the prints into different animals and designs, some examples are below.

Children can draw on dried leaf prints, turning them into animals.



The Earth –

Using a variety of resources to draw, paint, make and decorate the Earth to celebrate Earth Day.



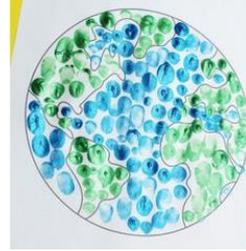
Collage using coloured paper / magazines.



Printing using bubble wrap.



Painting and printing your hands.



Finger painting.



Making an Earth person; paper plate, paints and paper.

Writing -

Either within the home or outside, you could collect a variety of items, including recyclable materials (newspaper), leaves, sticks etc. to spell the word 'Earth'.

Discussing the letters and sounds. *What letter comes next?*



Planting -

Using a pot or alternative e.g. egg carton to plant a seed.

Describing and discussing the process of growth. Looking after the plant, giving it appropriate water etc. Discussing the concept of growth and time.

Watering can –

Alongside planting, this is an example of how you can make your own watering can. All you will need is a plastic bottle and decorate it using whatever resources you have available, e.g. coloured paper, newspaper, glitter, paint etc.

This bottle can then be used as a watering can to water the seeds planted.



Recycling –

Practical activity: By collecting a few different materials, and sorting them into categories for recycling.

Online activity: Twinkl – Junk Jumble

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/tg-ga-59-twinkl-green-week-junk-jumble-recycling-game>



Recycling robot -



You could go on a hunt to collect recyclable materials, to make a robot, e.g. cereal boxes, newspaper etc. Discussing the properties of materials and characteristics of the robot.

Alternatively make the figure with objects found in the outside environment, e.g. grass, soil, leaves.

Nature scavenger hunt –

In an outside space or on your walk to observe the environment. *What animals can you see? How many trees can you see?*

In an outside space or on a safe walk, you could complete the attached scavenger hunt. Noting the environment and ticking off the items once you have seen them.

Google Earth –

You could explore Google Earth, e.g. find where you live. Explore other countries. *What colours can you see?*

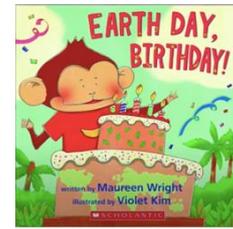
https://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/



Here are a few books (story readings) and songs relating to Earth Day that you might enjoy:

Earth Day Birthday –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aA-obG2CAkQ>



Recycling (song) –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOvcW8i3RzE>



Stick man –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFhJrLVu3T0>



How plants grow (song) –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nGrDI5_zrc



Whole World (song) –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODftYTD3Rbs>



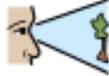
Yoga (song and video) -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYI0TPJOUgk>

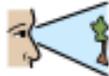




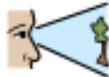
Nature hunt



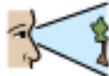
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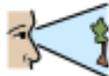
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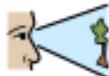
I see a leaf _____



I see an insect _____



I see a stick _____



I see a tree _____

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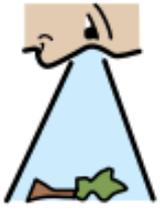
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Earth



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plastic



fruit



seed



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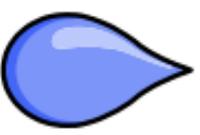
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leaf



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don't like



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metal



tree



soil

