EALING TREE FESTIVAL SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2023

THE WEEK LONG FESTIVAL WILL CELEBRATE OUR URBAN TREES THROUGH ART, STORYTELLING, TALKS, WALKS, WORKSHOPS, MUSIC & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL. COME TO EALING TREE FESTIVAL

AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

WE HAVE SOME FUN ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO TO GET OUTSIDE, EXPLORE GREEN SPACES AND CELEBRATE OUR WONDERFUL URBAN TREES!

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TREE TRAIL

Walk through a trail of local trees and make some careful observations about them.

Looking at the leaves, the **bark**, the **shapes** and **colours**, make a fact file from what you see. You can use it to identify the species later on!

Don't forget to take bark rubbings against the trunk and take some fallen leaves with you to make leaf stencils.

> YOU WILL NEED: Plain Paper, a pencil, a clipboard & a



TREE HABITAT SURVEY

Sit still outside for 1 minute. What can you hear? Birds *chirping*, insects *buzzing*, leaves *rustling*? Look around you. Can you see any wildlife living in the trees?

Try placing a white sheet of paper or cloth under a tree. Give the trunk a gentle shake. Find out what falls out! Try to identify and make a record of who is living in this tree.

DECORATION TIME

Get crafty with biodegradable materials and recycled items to make some decorations to hang on trees in your local green spaces.

Bring them to Ealing tree festival and hang them in the woodland.

Experiment with different materials and see what you can make.

Try using wooden beads, string, ribbon, tissue paper, buttons, corks, paper chains, pine cones and acorns.

HOW ABOUT SOME "POETREE"?

^{•••}Writing poetry is a brilliant way to engage the imagination, creative writing skills, and the appreciation of nature's beauty.

Have a go at a tree-inspired poem orshort story. Go outside for someinspiration... what can you see? Smell?Hear? Feel? Put it into words!

SEND IN YOUR WRITING!

We would love to see what you've been up to!

Send any poems or short stories you write to info@treesforcities.org and we will add it to our urban tree anthology.

Alternatively, tag us on social media showing how you're celebrating the trees! **@TreesforCities**

"TREE" LEGGED RACE In pairs, tie 1 foot up with your partners. Ready, set, go!

SEED & TROWEL RACE An egg and spoon race but with seeds. Pour 1 cup of seeds onto

TREE OLYMPICS

Add a tree twist to your PE lessons and have fun with activities like...

each trowel, the winner must be the first person to the finish line without spilling the seeds!

TREELAY RACES

The classic relay race but use a watering can instead of a baton - the winning team must be first to water a tree with the full relayed watering can. Or how about a wheelbarrow relay race but with a real barrow - take turns to push the barrow between your team!

TREE INSPIRED RECIPES

APPLE AND BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE INGREDIENTS:

12 oz (340g) plain flour
8 oz (226g) butter (cold)
6 oz (170g) sugar
5 or 6 Granny Smith or Bramley cooking apples
Roughly 200g blackberries
2 tbsp caster sugar (for the fruit)

METHOD:

1) Preheat the oven to 180 C. Peel and slice the apples into 0.5cm slices and place in an ovenproof dish with the blackberries.

2) Chop the butter into cubes and put it in a bowl with the flour. Rub the flour and butter together with your fingers until it resembles bread crumbs.
3) Stir in the sugar and pour on top of the fruit and even it out with a fork.

4) Sprinkle some coarse sugar on top for an extra crunch and place in the oven for 45 - 55 minutes until golden brown. Leave to cool & enjoy!

Suggested reading

3-5 years olds:

- Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go, Patrice Heggarty & Britta Tekentrup
- The Things I Love About Trees, Chris Butterworth & Charlotte Voake

5-7 year olds:

- Stanley's Stick, John Hegley
- Where The Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendak
- House Held Up By Trees, Ted Kooser

If the weather is nice, take the class outside for al fresco story time!

FESTORY

Tadpoles Promise, Jeanne Willis 7-11 year olds:

- The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein
- The End of the Wild, Nicola Helget
- The Lorax, Dr Seuss
- The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa, Jeanette Winter

Psst! **Our favourite** tree stories are for sale on our webshop treesforcities.shop

EALING TREE FESTIVAL COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY, CELEBRATING ALL THINGS TREES!

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE SOUTHALL PARK 10 AM - 3PM

STORYTELLING - TREE WISHES - TREE WALKS - NATURE MASK MAKING WILDLIFE DISCOVERY - MUSIC - TRIE DOCTOR - LEAF PRINTING - SENSORY TABLES - WORKSHOPS & MORE