

Challenge Activities - Junior Da Vinci

This year we have decided to move away from termly and half termly JDV challenges and are using a monthly theme to suggest activities to challenge and interest pupils.

Each month different activities will be suggested. Pupils do not have to complete all, or any of these activities. They are available to all pupils in all years, so pupils can choose to investigate something that they are interested in.

Bring any examples of activities that have been completed to Mrs Cowlshaw to share with the whole school.

Active April

Let's find ways to get moving and stay active and healthy. Action for happiness has lots of resources for things that we could all do to invigorate our bodies and minds in the new season of spring.

As nature awakens from its winter slumber, April brings longer days and blossoming landscapes. The calendar suggestion below has some great ideas for getting moving and trying something new and different. What could you do this month to stay active and healthy? **Write your own calendar of healthy activities that you and your family have completed.**

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Easter Garden

Every year in our churches an Easter Garden is made to remind us of all Jesus suffered and how he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. An Easter resurrection garden is a symbol of Jesus rising from his tomb. They usually portray the scene that Mary Magdalene saw, a tomb with a stone rolled away on Easter Sunday.

Make a Good Friday garden that can be changed into an Easter garden on or after Easter Sunday. Here are some ideas:

[Resurrection Garden; How To Make One Fast, Cheap, And Easy!](#)

Earth Day - April 22

Since its start in 1970, Earth Day has become a global day of activism and learning about environmental topics related to protection of the Earth, its natural resources, and species. Climate change, global warming, deforestation, air pollution, water pollution, and loss of biodiversity are just a few of the many environmental issues that threaten the health of our planet. Earth Day is one specific day every year when countries all over the world focus on protecting the environment

Have a go at some of these science experiments and ideas for making our planet a better place. Could you build a pizza box oven or your own wind turbine?

[25+ Earth Day Science Experiments and Activities | Science Buddies Blog](#)

Read the National Geographic *Explorer!* magazine article “Celebrate Earth” and National Geographic Kids “Take Action for a Green World” article to find out more about Earth day; can you write a fact file about Earth day? Or make an awareness poster? ***Is it possible to have a big impact on the environment by making small changes?***

Can you choose one thing to make every day Earth day? Recycling, turning the light off when you leave a room, turning the tap off when you clean your teeth. Track the small changes that you have made over the month.

Natural World Art

Our natural world is precious and incredible. Just close your eyes and listen to the dawn chorus of the Borneo Jungle and picture the wealth of nature that lives there. An example of the wonders of our world and the need to protect it.

Create an artwork inspired by the rainforest, the Trillion Trees Project has some lovely ideas.

Try this: <https://tinyurl.com/yc9oh4ka> Be inventive; you might want to make an illustrated poem, a painting or a journal entry of everything you’ve used that has come from the rainforest.

I hope you enjoy these activities – please let me know how you get on, and bring in some examples of things you have found out!

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