



Tree day

Time	Activity	Resource	Duration
09:00	Inspirational start or part of end-of-day assembly/performance/parade inspired by the book <i>The Man Who Planted Trees</i> (Peter Owen Publishers)	<i>Man Who Planted Trees</i> PowerPoint presentation can be downloaded at www.naturedetectives.org.uk/schools/assembly.htm	30 mins
09:30	Trees are special – fascinating facts e.g. total leaf cover equivalent to the area of a football pitch, total branch length would go five times around the school grounds perimeter Make collection bag	Rowan factsheet (part of the <i>Essential tree planting guide</i>) Collection bag design	30 mins
10:00	Trip into school grounds, local park or green space to look at and identify trees Collect leaves, twigs etc in pre-made bag for next session	Leaf ID sheets Winter twig ID sheets	1 hour
11:00	Break		20 mins
11:20	Create headdresses/crowns decorated with colourful leaves, twigs, berries etc collected earlier, for parade at end of day Create decorations e.g. leaf shapes/stars made from twigs and affix to end of sticks/hazel poles/'willow withies' – these will be placed around the young rowan sapling when planted to mark it out/provide a little protection		1 hour 10 mins
12:30	Lunch		45 mins
13:15	Story-telling workshop exploring the legends, lore and associations with the rowan, devise short script and rehearse presentation	Rowan factsheet	1 hour 15 mins
14:30	Presentation to parents opens with a hat parade (headdresses made earlier), a small group relate stories of the rowan, showing young sapling to audience, while the rest of the children in hats provide a leafy backdrop Pupils display decorations for the rowan protection		30 mins
15:00	Process to area in school grounds where sapling will be planted and place decorated sticks/poles around the young tree when planted	Tree planting instructions	15 mins

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