

Notice Summer

Nature is at its busiest in summer, the plants are blooming and the long, warm days are full of life!

1 See colourful wildflowers



Roadsides and hedgerows are full of bright flowers now, like red poppies, white cow parsley and yellow dandelions! How many colours can you spot?



3

Follow the flight of a butterfly or bee



Butterflies and bees love summer flowers and warm days. Follow one with your eyes as it goes from flower to flower.



5

Smell the grass



Grass needs cutting in the summer as it's growing fast – and it smells good! (The smell is a chemical that plants make to help themselves recover.)



2

Smell the rain



When it rains after a long dry spell there's an earthy smell which can make us feel calm and happy. It even has a special name – petrichor.

4

Feel a tree's cool shade

The leaves on the trees are big and full now and on a hot day make lovely shade. Spend time under a tree and feel the cool air on your skin. Look up, what can you see or smell?



6

Taste summer fruits



Some flowers are turning to lovely fruits like strawberries, elderberries and, in late summer, blackberries. Can you spot the first blackberries in August?



Signs of summer tick list

I have:

- 1 Seen colourful wildflowers ☐
- 2 Smelt the rain ☐
- 3 Followed the flight of a butterfly or bee ☐
- 4 Felt a tree's cool shade ☐
- 5 Smelt the grass ☐
- 6 Tasted summer fruits ☐

Whenever you're outside, even just walking down the street, watch out for signs of summer, they're everywhere!

Visit your special tree

How has your favourite tree changed since the spring? Is anything else living on your tree now, plants or animals? Draw your tree here.