

Go Wild for the Summer!

The Wildlife Trust's 30 Days Wild initiative challenges schools to "do something wild every day throughout June". This fun activity helps you do just that – and brings both maths and science into the mix too!



Outcomes: Greater awareness of local animals and plants; data handling

Year Groups: Reception, Year 1, Year 2, P1, P2, P3

Preparation: Download the Go Wild for the Summer tally chart – and print copies (one per team)

Additional requirements: Clipboards and pencils (one per team), graph paper, coloured pencils/crayons

Instructions:

1. Lead a discussion on the wild animals (including minibeasts) and plants that might be found/spotted in your school grounds.
2. Display the Go Wild for the Summer tally chart. Agree what the different icons might represent.
3. Divide the group into teams, giving each one a clipboard, a pencil and a Go Wild for the Summer tally chart. Give each team a defined area of the outdoor space that they're going to be responsible for – in the school grounds, or, if you're feeling particularly wild, the local park! Teams are to use their tally charts to record how many of each of the specified plants/animals they find in their area – so it'd be an idea to discuss strategies first!
4. Take yourselves outdoors – dressing for the weather!
5. Once back in class, ask pupils to discuss and put into practice a good way of creating a classroom display from the data they've collected.

