

**Earth Day 2020**

**Earth Day is an annual reminder to slow down and appreciate the bounty of the earth.**

**The following Earth Day activities will encourage children to create objects from natural and recycled materials and spend more time outdoors.**

* Learn what a Carbon Footprint is. Create a poster or PowerPoint Presentation to inform others.
* Make a bug hotel. If you like digging in the garden looking for bugs, make a hotel to attract a variety of mini-beasts. There are lots of ideas online to help you. You could also create a container fairy garden.
* Plant seeds and create a ‘plant observation journal’.
* Make a pinecone and peanut butter bird feeder.
* Conduct a plastic audit in your home. Count how many plastic containers, wraps, bottles and bags you purchase for your kitchen and bathroom.
* Paint stones and sticks and create games to play with them.
* Make tin can drums and wind chimes.
* Watch an environmental documentary or animal show and research ways to protect your favourite animals.
* Do a recyclable sorting activity.
* Gather nature items from outside, like leaves and pinecones, and make an art project out of them. What animals can you create out of the things you find?
* Write a list of 5 ways you can help our Earth.
* Create an Earth Day acrostic poem.
* Find out the history of Earth Day.
* Create a solar system word search.
* Research new plant-based recipes or recreate your favourite family recipes with plant-based alternatives.
* Learn food preservation techniques such as canning, pickling, drying and freezing to enjoy fruits and vegetables year-round and minimise your food waste.
* Repurpose materials from around your house into new items; make jewellery, bags or plant holders!
* Draw or paint what you want a sustainable future to look like. Write a creative story about what that world is like.
* Attend a virtual teach-in on an environmental topic, including: biodiversity loss, plastic pollution, food waste, food security, air quality, insect population, water quality and local climate change impacts. After attending an online teach-in, discuss with your family actions you can take to make a difference!