



Year 1 Tree Detectives Information Sheet



During this unit we aim to cover the following Science National Curriculum objectives ...

- identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees
- identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees

Outline of the session

- Brief welcome and introduction to the Nature Centre
- Discuss some key questions as a class or in pairs, e.g. why are trees important? What do you know about trees? Are all trees the same? How do you tell one from another?
- Leaf matching game to introduce new scientific language, e.g. serrated, compound, smooth, lobed etc and revisit more common scientific language, e.g. branch, roots, trunk.
- Head out into the Nature Centre garden or the Common to identify a range of trees using the leaf, seed and bark of each tree. Use new language to help with the identification.
- Return to the Nature Centre to discuss what they have discovered

Session times

Education sessions run at the Nature Centre on **Fridays** from March to October, (this unit starts in April). Morning timings are 9.30am – 12.00pm and afternoon sessions run from 12.30pm – 3.00pm.

Prices

You can choose either a NatureScope or School led session for a class of up to 30 children.

NatureScope led - £150 per session

These sessions are fully organised by NatureScope, and will be led by a qualified teacher. Planning and preparation for the sessions is arranged by NatureScope and on the day of the visit, the teacher will meet and greet the children and lead the learning. School staff / helpers will be directed to work with small groups of their children on pre-prepared activities.

School led - £90 per session

These sessions are run entirely by the school staff using plans provided by NatureScope. Schools will be able to use the resources and facilities at the Nature Centre but will be responsible for leading the learning, setting up the activities and clearing away at the end of the morning. A pre visit by the teacher in charge to talk through the plans and equipment is a prerequisite.

Health and Safety

NatureScope follows strict safeguarding procedures, when working with children and vulnerable adults. All our staff and volunteers have enhanced DBS checks. Should you book a session we will send you a copy of our Risk Assessment. School groups are required to bring their own first aider.

Location and transport

The Nature Centre is nestled in the heart of Wandsworth Common between the Skylark Cafe and the tennis courts. It is a short walk from Wandsworth Common Station in the south, or from many bus stops to the east and west of the common. Bus 319 runs along Bolingbroke Grove and Bus 219 runs along Trinity Road

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