

TEACHER Support Sheet 5

CALENDAR SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Suitable for
ALL AGES

AN CHOILL
BHEAG

Season/Séisúr

Activities

Autumn

(Sept - Oct)

Fómhar

Winter

(Nov - Jan)

Geimhreadh

Spring

(Feb - April)

An t-Earrach

Summer

(May - June)

An Samhradh

NOTES/Nótaí

Curricular links: Living Things, Well Being.
Cross-curricular links with Green Schools,
Active Flags, etc.

1

Measure growth (height, width)

Estimate, measuring, record keeping, observation

2

Identify twigs and buds

Nature Detectives Resources

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GLOBE App

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Can do this into early spring also. Estimate, measuring, record keeping, observation, ICT

3

Identify leaves

Nature Detectives Resources

Unless evergreens (holly)

GLOBE Tree App

Nature Detectives Resources

Estimate, measuring, record keeping, observation

4

Keep record of temperature, rainfall and weather

Estimate, measuring, record keeping, observation, geography.
GS notice board

5

Collect leaves for ID and pressing

Unless evergreens (holly)

Art, drawing, crafts, making cards and decoration, nature journal

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6 Record tree species.	Submit to Biodiversity Ireland	Submit to Biodiversity Ireland	Submit to Biodiversity Ireland	Submit to Biodiversity Ireland	Citizen Science in the classroom (National Biodiversity Data Centre)
7 Use seating space for other lessons	Sit and experience nature	Sit and experience nature	Sit and experience nature	Sit and experience nature	Teach a lesson outside, using seating area. Wellbeing. Quiet time in nature
8 Make information sign for An Choill Bheag and list the tree names in Irish and English	Ogham names of tress	Display for green schools notice board	Seasons. Signs of Spring	Let wider community know about An Choill Bheag	Art, languages, spelling, listing, new words, ICT, research, identification, history, geography, plant identification, plants and their uses
9 Make individual tree signs	As Gaeilge	As Béarla	Another language	Sign Language	Art, languages, spelling, new words, ICT, research
10 Use handlens to look up close					Observation, recording, use ID charts

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11 Identify and record insects, flowers and plants	Look under leaves	Explore under log piles and leaves	Explore under log piles and leaves. Look in leaf compost pile	Look under leaves and around bark	Observation, recording, use ID charts. Send record with NBDC
12 Plan, design and create map and nature trail	Walk school grounds. Draw a map.	Create a habitat/nature trail	Pick 5-10 Biodiversity Hotspots in grounds	Include them in the map	Art, math, languages, spelling, new words, ICT, research, GS board
13 Plant wild native understory plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Practical planting skills, plant identification, planning, research
14 Well-being and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sit spots, favourite places, nature connection, nature tables, quiet time
15 Create habitats to study: place logs, twigs, leaves in piles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Habitat studies, living things, recording, observing, drawing, new words, photography

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