

# Nature's Noticeboard

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Make full use of your local library. They are happy to order books you want to read.

As you grow out of some of your books, donate them to younger children or to a local charity shop.

Food can come in lots of re-useable containers. Wash well & use for storing toys, beads & much more!

Create a mini discovery trail in your garden. Research what animals and plants live there and design a simple map and leaflet to educate your family.

Paint some old plastic flowers pots in bright colours and plant up with daffodils. You'll have a wonderful display in the springtime.

Brighten up your garden for the winter with painted rocks. Find a smooth rock, give it an undercoat of white gesso paint, decorate it with acrylic paint and varnish.

Set up a toy exchange with your family or friends. They might like toys you no longer want and you might find a "new" toy to play with. Remember to check out the idea with your parents first!

Use an egg timer to see how long you spend in the shower. Even if you shorten the length of your shower, you can still be clean AND save water at the same time.

Collect flower seeds and put them in containers or envelopes, decorated with a picture of the flower, to give as presents.

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