



Thank you for signing up for the

BIG OUTDOOR ART CHALLENGE

6 - 12 July 2020

#BigOutdoorArtChallenge

Learning beyond the classroom, whether in the school's grounds or a pupil's garden helps teachers to deliver the curriculum *and* support the mental and physical wellbeing of their pupils.

Being outside in nature makes us healthier and happier.

Taking the time to enjoy and appreciate nature's beauty through art can have powerful and lasting effects on our health.

The Big Outdoor Art Challenge unites these three strands in a single activity that will inspire your pupils to be creative and active whilst engaging with their lesson.

Needing no special equipment, this easy to do challenge is a fantastic way to connect pupils learning at home and those who are at school.

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ABOUT US

The [Council for Learning Outside the Classroom](#) (CLOtC) is the only national charity that champions learning outside the classroom across all subject areas, age groups and learning environments. We provide support, training and resources to encourage and inspire more teachers to take their learning beyond the classroom walls.

[The Children's Challenge](#) creates Expedition Societies and Virtual Challenges to raise funds for primary schools, whilst building character and a sense of community. All Challenges and Expeditions are unique in that they are designed for family participation. There are no fees or resources required from the school

Read on to find out how to take part



STEP 1

Between **Monday 6 and Sunday 12 July 2020** take your group outside, or if they are learning at home, ask your pupils to go outside and get inspired by nature.

STEP 2

Collect natural items from around the school's grounds, the local park, on the walk to school or from around the pupil's garden or home area - leaves, sticks, grass, seeds, berries, petals, stones, pebbles, bark, small branches of greenery, shells, seed pods etc.

STEP 3

Place your nature items in a pile - you can add sand, mud, chalk, rope - and arrange them in pictures and patterns. There are no rules for what to create, anything goes! It can be very large or very small, 3D or 2D.

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STEP 4

Take a photograph of the artwork and uploaded it to Instagram.

REMEMBER to include:

- name of the school
- town/city
- year group of the child(ren)
- hashtag

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NOTES

While artworks may be left to be enjoyed by others and degrade naturally, please remind pupils to dispose of any litter or additional materials correctly.

During the course of the challenge, please ensure your group adheres to government and Department for Education guidelines regarding physical distancing and safeguarding.

WINNERS

Environmental artist James Brunt will help us select winners in each of the following age categories as well as choosing an overall winner.

- Early years
- Year groups 1-3
- Year groups 4-6

All winners will receive a certificate and photographs of their artwork will be featured on The Children's Challenge and Council for Learning Outside the Classroom websites. There will be a special prize for the school of the overall winner.



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INSPIRATION

There is a lesson plan on the [#BigOutdoorArtChallenge](#) webpage to help structure your session, however the main objective of the challenge is for children to get outside, connect with the world around them and enjoy taking part in a fun creative activity.

You can find lots of ideas and inspiration from the following websites and artists:



Using seeds, seed pods and petals to create a mandala.

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Artist James Brunt works with schools and communities to create art in nature, have a look at his creations.

The ['Get Creative, Stay Creative' packs](#) from Ingestre Hall have some fabulous examples of land and environmental art

Leaf Education have a fabulous ['Environmental Art'](#) guide. You can find lots more resources on the [Countryside Classroom](#) website.



Creating a tiger face with leaves, stones and bark.

Take a look at this film of artist Andy Goldsmith ['Making art with Nature'](#) on BBC Bitesize.

You can find lots of simple, easy to do ideas at [Messy Little Monster](#).

This blog from TTS Group has [12 top outdoor art ideas](#).



Filling a grid with different natural materials and fruit.

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www.TheChildrensChallenge.com