

## Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

## **Nature Detectives**





Now that all the leaves have come out on the trees, it's a good time to be nature detectives!

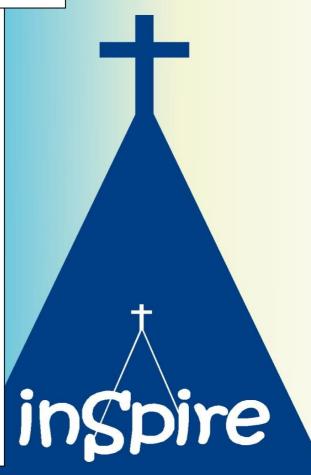
If you go for a walk, take a notebook or a piece of paper with you so you can draw what you see.

<u>Find 5 trees</u> that you don't know the name of. Draw the shape of their leaves and maybe take a rubbing of their bark. Draw an outline of the shape of the tree as this helps identify it too. Each tree has a different shape.

<u>Find three flowers</u> that you don't know the name of. Again, draw them, write down their colour and record how tall they are. Of course, you can always take a photo!

Lots of birds are nesting in hedges, trees and bushes at the moment. 
Every eyes open. When you see one, can you name it? If you can't, write down what it looks like: how big it is, its colours, how it flies. Listen to its song because it's great to identify birds by their singing. Little tiny wrens are incredibly loud!!

When you get home, look up what you have seen. The next time you go for a walk, see if you can identify more trees, flowers and birds! (more ideas below)



<u>Younger children</u> can collect things as you walk and make a collage when you get back home. Older children could also collect and make a nature scrapbook or a nature museum (they can lay out their finds and label them!)

You are very welcome to join us for Sunday's Cool Online on Sunday where you will find a Bible story, a message and more craft activities.