

Go for a walk around your garden, local park or woodlands and choose a tree you like with interesting bark patterns. You can also collect some leaves to take home.



You will need:

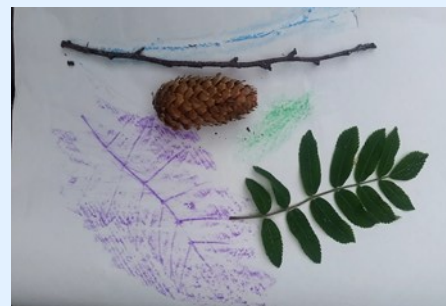
- * Paper
- * Crayons or



Hold paper tight against tree bark
Rub with crayon or chalk to make pattern

For leaf rubbing, turn leaf upside down to show the vein (feel with your hand) - this makes a clearer picture

See if you can make a picture out of the bark and leaf rubbings!!



Don't forget to talk to your children, asking questions and describing what you can see. Describe the different shapes, sizes and colours of the leaves. Which tree is tallest? Can you put your arms around the tree trunk? Can you name different tree parts? What does it feel like?

Check out Nature Detectives at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk