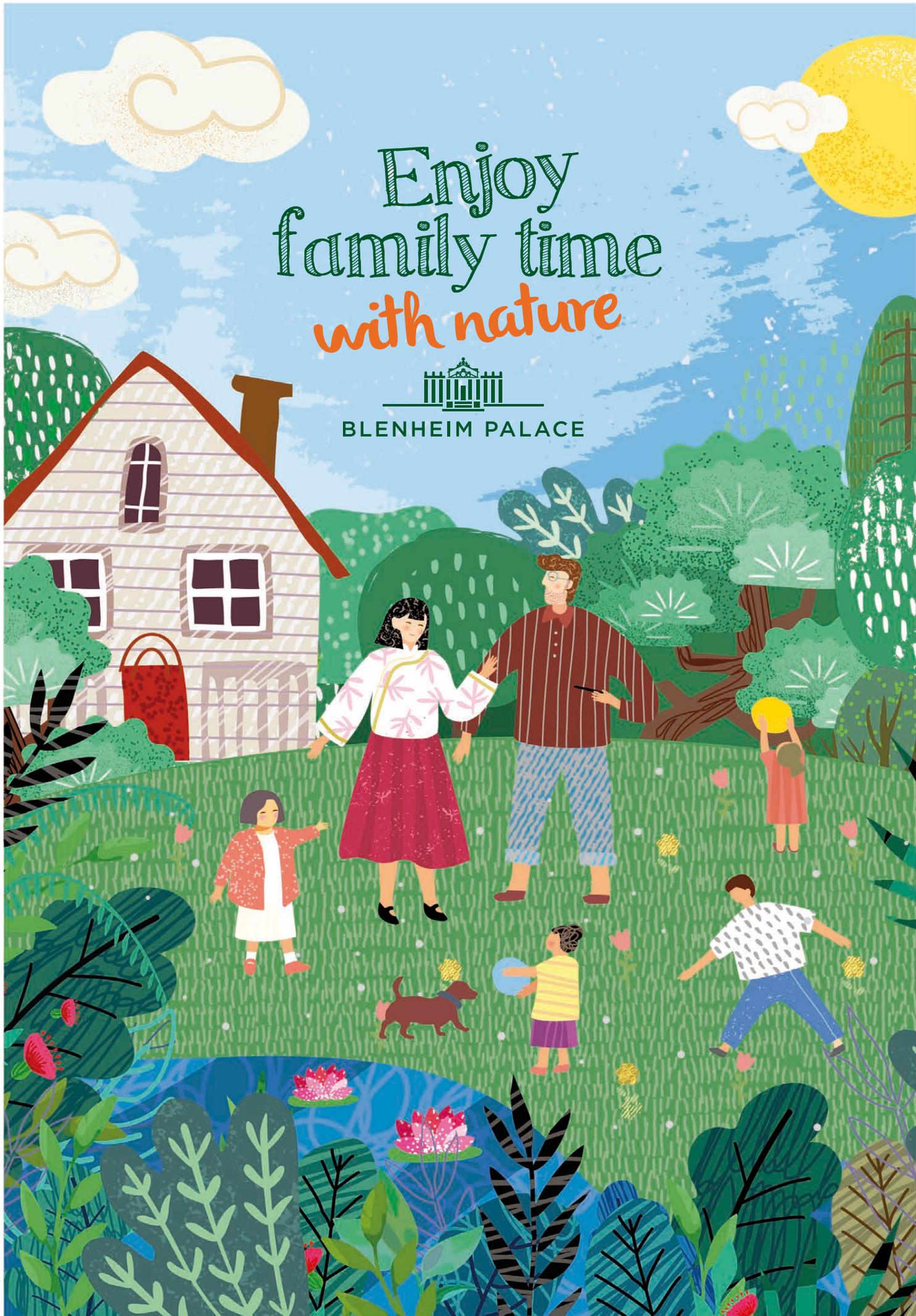


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Bird feeders

Materials needed

- Pinecone
- Lard
- Birdseed
- String
- Hooped Breakfast Cereal
- Sticks
- Mixing Bowl



How to make it

- Put a small amount of lard and birdseed in a bowl.
- Use your hands to mix the lard and seed together.
- Cover your pinecone with the mixture, making sure you don't leave any gaps.
- Tie string to the top of your pinecone.
- Tie sticks onto your string to make a ledge for the birds to sit on.
- Thread hooped breakfast cereal onto the string. Leave enough string to hang up your bird feeder.
- Hang the feeder in your garden for the birds. Ask a grown up to help you pick a perfect spot.
- Spend some time watching your feeder and make a record of how many birds you see.
- Draw a picture of the birds and see how many you can identify.

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Garden Crowns

Materials needed

- Raffia, wool or string
- Natural objects
- Scissors

How to make it

- cut three pieces of raffia, wool or string that will be long enough to wrap round your head.
- Collect natural objects from your garden like leaves or flowers to decorate your crown.
- Tie the three pieces together at one end and begin to plait them.
- Attach your decorations by pushing them through your plaited crown or plaiting them into the crown as you go.



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Garden Paintbrushes

Materials needed

- Some sticks: thin sticks, thick sticks, long sticks, short sticks
- String, twine or wool
- Leaves, flowers, grasses and other natural objects you can find in the garden
- Scissors
- Paper or fabric
- Mud or watered-down paint

How to make it

- Choose a stick
- Choose one or a group of your natural objects. Try to choose objects that are similar, like a group of the same-shaped leaves.
- Arrange your objects around the end of the stick so they overhang the stick.
- Tie the objects in place using the string, twine or wool. Make sure the objects are secured tightly.
- Repeat the steps above to make a selection of different brushes.
- Dip your brush in the mud or paint and use them on your paper or fabric. If you are outside you can hang your fabric or paper up to paint on.
- Use your different brushes to experiment with making pictures and shapes.



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Journey Stick

Materials needed

- A medium sized stick, a comfortable size for you to carry easily
- String or wool
- Scissors

How to make it

- Find a stick.
- Cut a length of string or wool that will wrap around your stick from the top to the bottom.
- Tie the string or wool at the top of your stick.
- Take a walk and look around, what treasures can you find?
- Use the string or wool to hold the treasures that you collect from your garden.
- Attach your treasures to your stick by wrapping the string or wool around them as you go.
- Tell a story about your journey and the treasures you have collected to a family member or a friend.



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Leaf Printing

Materials needed

- Green Leaves
- Paper
- Rolling pin or hammer
- Kitchen towel (optional)

How to make it

- Collect some fresh green leaves from your garden. Collect leaves of different shapes and sizes.
- Choose 1 leaf and place it on the paper.
- Make sure your paper is on a solid surface that is not easily damaged. You may want to put a mat or cloth underneath your paper.
- Cover the leaf with a second piece of paper or kitchen towel.
- Use the end of the rolling pin or hammer to lightly tap the leaf multiple times. You only need to make small movements but they do need to be hard enough to crush the surface of the leaf. Make sure you cover the whole leaf.
- Remove the paper or kitchen towel and then the leaf.
- You should have a print of you leaf on your paper.
- Experiment with the different leaves you have collected to see what colours and shapes they make. You could even try using flowers.
- Collect some more leaves and try to make a pattern that fills your paper.



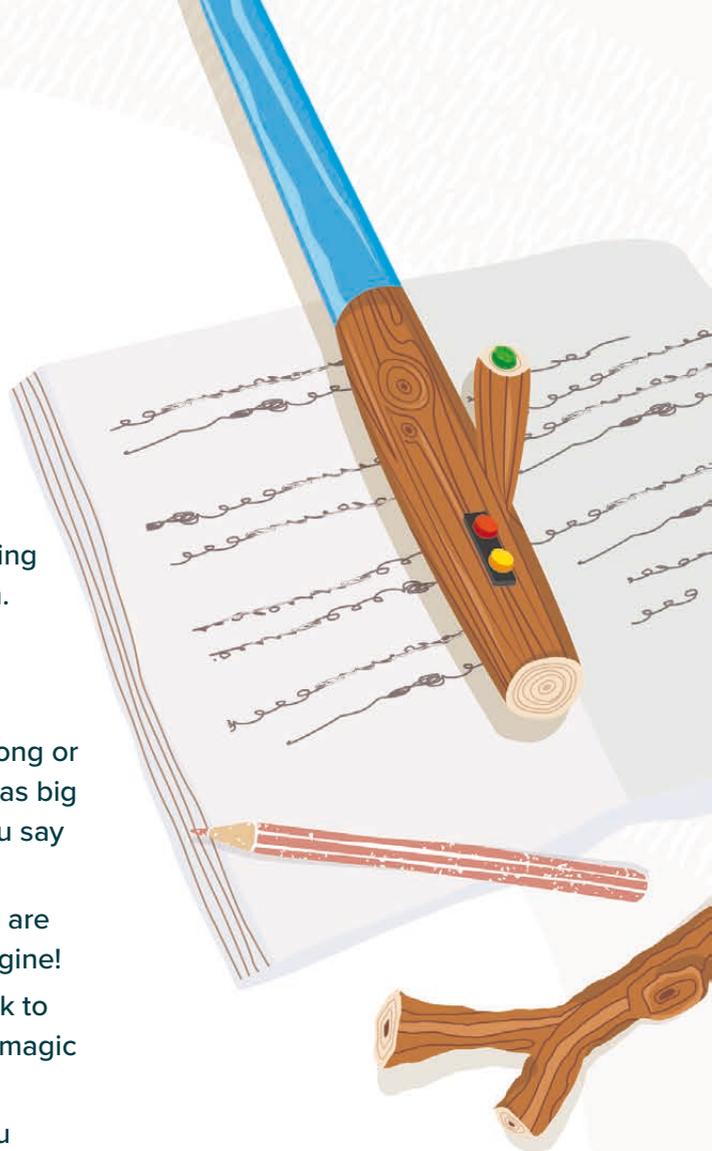
Magic Stick

Materials needed

- A lovely stick. If you don't have a stick use something from your house, a paint brush or a wooden spoon.

How to make it

- Get to know your stick (or alternative object). Is it long or short? Is it rough or smooth? Is it thick or thin? Is it as big as your hand or as long as your leg? Make sure you say hello and introduce yourself.
- Did you know your stick is very special? When you are holding it, it can change into anything you can imagine!
- Think about all the things you might want your stick to be. Maybe it will be a microphone to sing with or a magic wand. It could even be a javelin or a spaceship.
- Use your magic powers to change the stick. All you have to do is imagine what you want it to be and it will change into that object.
- How many different things can you turn your stick into? Show your family how you use your stick and see if they can guess what your stick is.



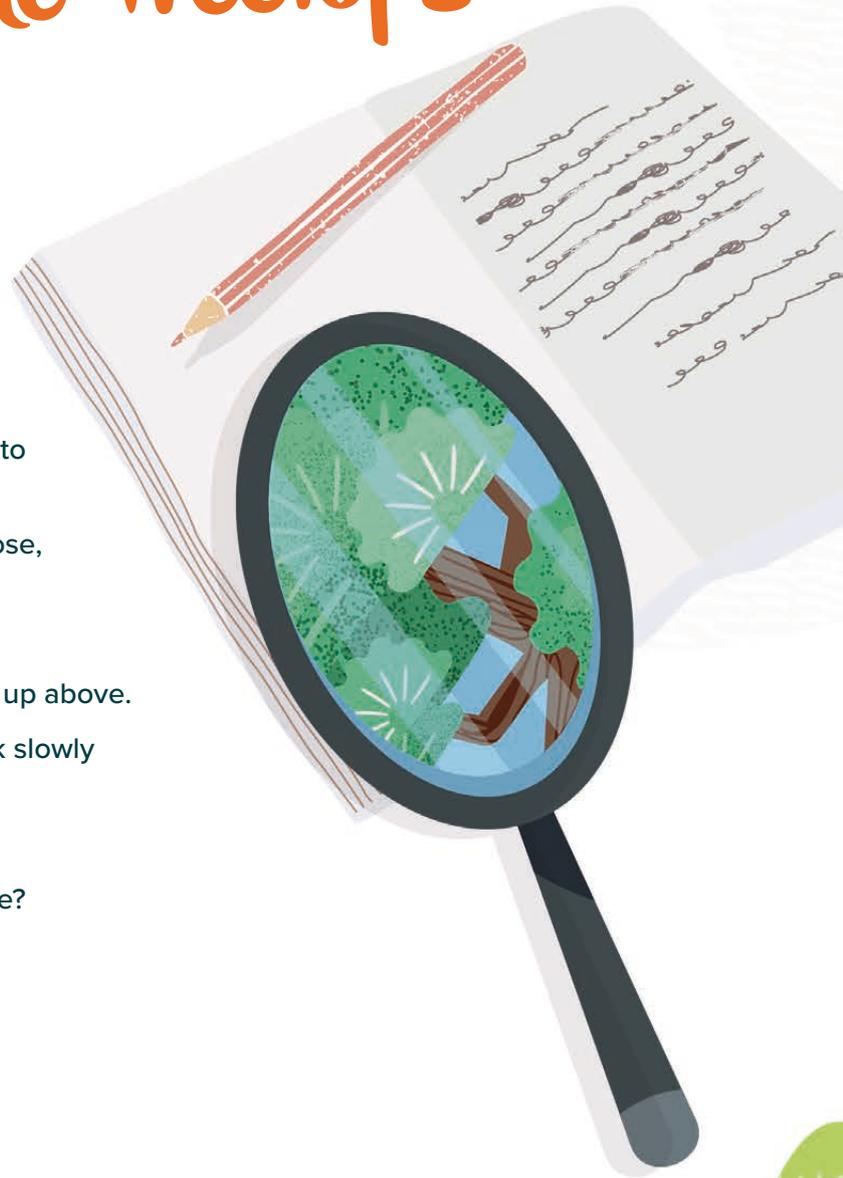
What's in the Treetops

Materials needed

- A small mirror

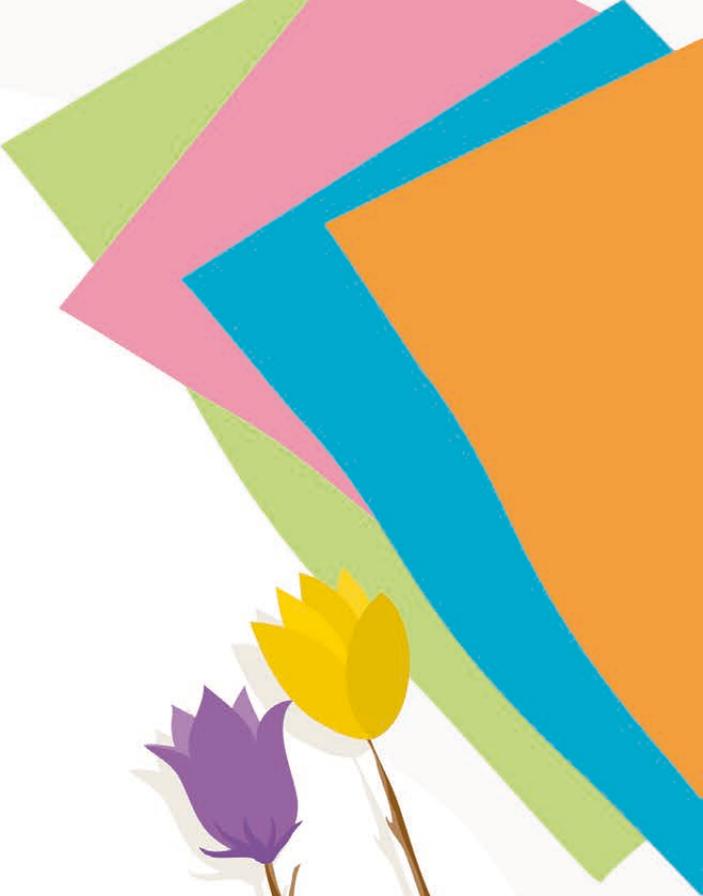
How to make it

- Pick a tree to explore.
- If you don't have a tree just pick a place to stand and explore what's above you.
- Place the mirror on the bridge of your nose, just below your eyes.
- Hold your hand under the mirror.
- You should get a clear view of the world up above.
- Try to keep your mirror in place and walk slowly around your tree or chosen spot.
- Angle the mirror to get different views.
- What did you notice? What could you see?
- Talk to you family about what they saw. Did you spot the same things?



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Stick flowers

Materials needed

- Tissue paper
- Tape
- Twigs

How to make it

- Choose a lovely stick, not too big or not too small.
- Choose a colour of tissue paper.
- Gather up the tissue paper in your fingers to make a flower shape.
- Use the tape to attach the tissue paper to the end of your stick to make a beautiful flower.
- Try different ways of gathering up the paper and add different colours to make different flowers.



Sights, Sounds & Textures

What you need

- A garden
- If you don't have a garden you can do this from a window, just make sure it is open

Instructions

- Use the different activities below to explore your garden or your space.

Close your eyes and listen.

- Don't talk and turn off any other noise such as the television or radio.
- Listen for one minute. What can you hear?
- Count in your head how many sounds you hear in the minute.
- At the end of the minute talk to your family about the sounds you heard.
- Did you know what they all were? Did you all hear the same things.
- Listen for another minute and see if you hear anything new.

Texture Detective

- Explore your space for objects that are different textures. Find an object to match each texture below.
 - Smooth • Rough • Solid • Soft • Spikey
 - Fluffy • Lumpy • Shiny • Furry • Gritty
- If you can, collect the treasures you find and show them to your family. If you have found different objects compare them.
- Can you think of any other textures you could find? Name a texture and see who in the family can find an object that matches it first.

Garden Rainbow

- Can you make a rainbow from things you can find in the garden or from things you can see from your window?
- Find or collect one object for each colour.
- If you collected your objects arrange them in rainbow order. If you can't collect them write them down in rainbow order on some paper.
- Find as many objects as you can for each colour. Which colour has the most objects?
- Can you think of any other natural objects, plants or animals you could add to your rainbow that you can't find or see? Think about how your garden or view might change at different times of the year.

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