SORTED!

ACTIVITIES
and
WORKSHEETS
for
CLASSIFICATION



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ACTIVITY: SCAVENGER HUNT.

Time: Either set a time limit or collect during garden tour.

Equipment: Bags to collect items

Place: Throughout gardens

School Term: Any

Instructions: Treasure Hunt list below.

Please remember to only pick things from the ground and

not from trees or plants.

SCAVENGER HUNT

1. A cone
2. A green leaf
3. A piece of litter
4. Something red
5. A yellow leaf
6. Something curly
7. A stone
8. A piece of bark
9. A twig
10. Something long
11.A feather
12. Something with a jagged edge
13. Something thin
14. Something yellow
15. Something with two colours
16. A seed
17. Something an animal would eat
18. Something red
19. Something with a vein
20. A blade of grass

Please remember to only pick things from the ground and not from trees or plants.

KS1, KS2.

1. Sorting exercise using leaves or treasure hunt items.



Curricular Links:	Science, Numeracy and Literacy	
Place:	Ornamental lawns (Area 21 on map)	
Time:	30 minutes+/-	
Equipment:	Either items from a leaf collection or scavenger hunt. Bags to collect leaves.	
School Term:	Autumn. Using leaves	
Game: SNAP of Instructions:	Match their leaf to others with the same kind leaf, form groups. Each child select a leaf. On the command, 'GO', Look and see who has a leaf the same as yours. When your leaf matches stay with that person and join up with others who have the same leaf until everyone is in a group.	
Ask questions:	How did they match up?	

Be aware some children may not be in the group of leaves that you would expect

Size? Colour?

Was it shape?

came from?

What were they looking for?

Do they know the name of the tree the leaf



2. Sorting exercise using leaves

Match their leaf to others with same kind of leaf using verbal communication.

Game: 'Sounds like mine'

Curricular Links: Science, Numeracy and Literacy (speaking and

Time: 30 minutes+/-

Place: Ornamental lawns (Area 21 on map)

School Term: Autumn.

Equipment: Collection of leaves.

Instructions: Supply each child with a leaf. Select one

child, without showing his/her leaf, to give

clues (one feature at a time) e.g My leaf hasfive points. My leaf has jagged edges.

My leaf has one thick vein from top to bottom

of the leaf.

Children who think they have the same leaf raise their leaf in the air. Did they get it right? Repeat: choosing children with different leaves

Variation of the game : Select three/four children with a different leaf

variety, keep the leaf hidden from view from

other children.

In turn they describe their leaf giving one

feature at a time.

Children who think they have the same leaf move to form a line behind that person (not revealing their leaf until everyone is in a

group.)



KS1

Extension:

3. Sorting exercise

Using leaves or items from treasure hunt.

Identify either their leaf or item from listening to verbal description.

Curricular Links:	Science, Numeracy and Literacy (speaking and listening)		
Time:	30 minutes +/-		
Place:	Ornamental lawns (Area 21 on map)		
School Term:	Autumn. Using leaves		
Equipment:	Each child with a leaf or item from		
	scavenger hunt.		
Instructions :	Teacher asks question .e.g. Does your Leaf / object have three points? Does your leaf/object have a smooth edge? Is your item/leaf big? Etc. If leaf /object matches description raises leaf /object in their hand.		

object.

Ask for volunteers to be the teacher and ask questions to describe a leaf or

Vocabulary for leaf description.

Edge: smooth, jagged, sharp, toothed, wavy, prickly.

Surface: smooth, rough, wrinkly, glossy, dull, hairy, furry.

Tip: pointed, rounded.

Colour: brown (light,dark)

yellow (bright, mellow)

green (light, dark, emerald, grass)

red (crimson, bright, rosy, scarlet)

orange (bright, ochre)

Veins: one main with branches.

several veins starting from the bottom of the leaf and

coming together at the top.

several main veins spreading out form bottom of leaf.



KS2

4. Sorting exercise using leaves or scavenger hunt items.

Classify (sort) their collection of leaves or scavenger hunt finds using criteria.

Curricular Links:	Science, Numeracy and Literacy
Time:	30 minutes +/-
Equipment:	Bags to collect leaves. Either items from a leaf collection or
scavenger	hunt.
Place:	Ornamental lawns (Area 21 on map)
School Term:	Autumn. Using leaves
	Any time . Using treasure hunt items.
Instructions:	Either as an individual/ partners /small groups .
	One person to sort the items
	Rest of group observes identifying the criteria used.
Variations:	Sort as a group. Group agree on criteria to use. Time given for task e.g. 2 minutes
	Groups move around to observe other groups classifications. Can they identify the
	criteria used. Was it the same as theirs?
	Discuss how criteria chosen.

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KS1/KS2.



5. Sorting exercise using leaves or scavenger hunt items.

Classify their collection of leaves or treasure hunt finds using simple keys.

Curricular Links:	Science, Numeracy and Literacy	
Time:	30 minutes +/-	
Equipment:	Either items from a leaf collection or	
scavenger		
	hunt. Bags to collect leaves.	
Place:	Ornamental lawns (Area 21 on map)	
School Term:	Autumn. Using leaves	

Instructions: With a partner.

Display leaves or objects in a group in

Any time. Using scavenger hunt items

front of them.

Decide on a single criteria. e.g. Does it have a

single point?

Sort all items or leaves with a single point and

place together and leave in place.

Decide on a second criteria e.g . Does it

have a smooth edge?

Sort and leave in a second group.

Continue to choose another criteia and sort

into groups. Repeat twice more.

Discuss their reasoning for criteria choices





6 Sorting exercise using leaves or treasure hunt items. Classify their collection of leaves or treasure hunt finds using Venn or Carroll diagrams

Curricular Links: Science, Numeracy and Literacy

Time: 30 minutes +/-

Equipment: Either items from a leaf collection or

scavenger

hunt. Bags to collect leaves.

Place: Ornamental lawns (Area 21 on map)

School Term: Autumn. Using leaves

Any time. Using scavenger hunt items

Instructions: Use the provided templates, children to

decided on sorting criteria.

CARROLL DIAGRAM 1

Sorting into groups using one criteria

Has	Has not

CARROLL DIAGRAM 2

	Has	Has not
Has.		
Has?		

Sorting using Venn Diagram

