**Fun things to do with your family in the garden**

Nature trail

Start at one end of your garden, walk around and see what you

can see. You can use a piece of paper to write things down or use an ipad or camera to take pictures.

You can count how many Butterflies, Ladybirds or Insects you can see.

Collect Feathers or Leaves and put them in an empty jam jar.

Look at your Plants and Flowers, how many different colours are they, what shapes are the Flowers and the Leaves.

You can make a Tally chart of your findings and next time you do this again you can compare them, was there more Butterflies, is there more Flowers out.

You can listen to see what you can hear.

Look to see what Birds are visiting your Garden, what colours are they and how many.

It does not matter what size your Garden is, you will be surprised that you see different things each time you go out.

Make Bird Feeders

You can make a simple Bird Feeder, you will need the following;

Clean empty yoghurt pot, String, Scissors, Mixing Bowl, Raisins, Grated Cheese Lard and some Bird Seed.

1; Cut a hole in the bottom of the yoghurt pot

2; Thread through the string and tie a knot in it so the pot hangs upside down from the string.

3; Warm the Lard to room temperature, but don’t melt it. Cut into cubes and add to the Mixing Bowl.

4; Add Grated Cheese, Raisins and Bird Seed, mix together with your hands until it folds all together.

5; Fill pot with your Bird Cake mixture and put in the fridge for about an hour.

6; When the Mixture is set you can hang your Bird Feeder on something suitable in your Garden, this can be on a Tree branch or Fence.

You are now ready to do some Bird watching, you can watch the birds having a feast. You can see how many different Birds visit your Garden. Maybe draw a picture of your favourite Bird.

Enjoy your Garden and have fun

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