



Springtime Activities

The staff at Godinton have been busy thinking of different activities that you could do at home over the Easter break. There are all sorts of things to try – some that you can do outside and other things that you can do indoors. We hope that you have fun trying them out!

Some of the ideas below contain links to YouTube videos or other websites. Please ensure that access to YouTube is suitably supervised or that filters on home devices are suitably set. It's always a good idea to check a link out before sharing with the children – all websites have been checked by staff but web content can change.

Activities with Real Eggs (if you can get hold of them!)

Mrs Clark's suggestion... Hard boiled "Easter eggs"

Hard boil eggs then lightly crack the shell all over. Submerge each egg in a separate pot/glass filled with water and a bit food colouring (different colour in each pot).

Leave overnight in the fridge. The next morning swap the eggs over into one of the different colours, leave in fridge for the day. Then swap a final time in the evening and leave overnight.

Peel shell off to reveal pattern and eat with soldiers!



Mrs Walker's suggestion... How do you make an egg bounce?

Check out the following website for details on how to make an egg bounce. This is a great scientific experiment to try – you just need an egg and some vinegar. What results will you get?

<https://www.science-sparks.com/make-an-egg-bounce/>

Year 4 Mrs Kelleher's suggestion... Make a Faberge Egg

Faberge eggs are beautifully decorated and incredibly expensive! Why not have a go at creating your own. Paint them and decorate with sequins and gems. Follow the step by step instructions on the link below:

<https://www.mykidsadventures.com/faberge-egg/>



Miss Talbot's suggestion... The Great Egg Drop

Adult supervision required!

Can you create a way of dropping an egg from a height (standing on a chair or from the top of a slide in your back garden) without it smashing? Perhaps create a holder or parachute for it so it drops gently or think about wrapping it in protective materials. Make sure you think things through – you don't want to waste it! Adult supervision required.

If you haven't got an egg – design what you would do. Draw a diagram and add labels or annotations. How many different designs can you come up with? Which do you think would be the most effective?

Get Creative

Miss Moss' suggestion... Make a Kite

Can you make a kite from a carrier bag, string, some skewers or cardboard? Have a look at the link below for some top kite-making tips.

<https://www.my-best-kite.com/kite-for-kids.html>



Mrs Pullen's suggestion... A Small World Fairy Garden or Dinosaur Land

Find a container such as shoe box or Tupperware box. Add moss, twigs, grass, pebbles, gravel, flowers and other things you might find outside to create the landscape. Then add your favourite characters.

Miss King's suggestion... No Sew Easter Bunnies

Materials: old sock, string/elastic band, cotton balls/ shredded paper/rice – for stuffing

1. Fill sock with your choice of stuffing
2. Form a pear shape with more stuffing near the heel of the sock
3. Use string or an elastic band around the middle of the sock to create a body and head – use another elastic band or string near the top of the head to close the sock and create ears.
4. Use a marker to create a face
5. Use a ribbon to tie around the neck

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giaTWca6nFk>



Mrs Town's suggestion... Recycled Bug Hotels and Bird Feeders

Gather together recycled materials and have a go at making a bug hotel, a bird feeder or wind chime for the garden. Look at the pictures for some inspirational ideas to get you started.





Mrs Gandon's suggestion..... Springtime Animals

Why not have a go at creating some of these fantastic Easter creations:

- Concertina Chicks or bunnies
- Animal origami – Spring-themed animals – rabbits, birds, frogs etc.
- <https://www.origamiway.com/origami-animals.shtml>
- Make pom-pom sheep or chicks <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Pom-Pom>

Mrs Christopher's suggestion... Make an Easter Wreath for your front door

Use materials that you can find in your garden to make an Easter wreath to hang on your front door.

Or make paper flowers from paper or recycled materials, crisp packets, egg boxes or newspaper to create a wreath.



Mrs Partridge's suggestion... Get Animated

Create an Easter animation – this might be by videoing mini figures or drawings that you have created to create a 'stop motion' animation, where you use one small element in each frame to create the effect of movement.

Or use more traditional methods and create a 'flip book'. In the same corner on each page, draw the same image but one step ahead. Can you make one to show an Easter bunny bouncing? This link will show you more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Un-BdBSOGKY>

Mrs Stein's suggestion... Make a Magazine

Make an Easter magazine. Put in information about Easter traditions, articles on how to make things, fact files about spring or animals associated with the spring e.g. lambs. Include puzzles, word searches, spot the differences or dot to dots. Give your finished magazine to someone in your house to enjoy. You could make a magazine about any topic you are interested in.



Miss Marsh's suggestion... Lego Easter Eggs and Chicks

Watch the video on the link below to make a Lego Easter egg. How many can you make?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkFU3F_YH7U

Or why not have a go at making a Lego chick?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stLU7azy1MY>

Mrs Ade's suggestion... Write a Story

Enjoy writing a story for someone in your family to read. Your story could have an Easter theme: 'The Day the Easter Bunny Came to Godinton', 'Malfunction at the Easter Egg Factory' or 'The Largest Easter Egg in the World'.



Miss Evelyn's suggestion... An Easter Egg Collage

Draw a large Easter Egg on a sheet of paper. Decorate it with any materials you can find around the house: paper, pictures from magazine, sequins, wool, ribbon etc. Display your finished creations around your house.

Mrs Crowfoot's suggestion... Try out some of the Easter activities on Purple Mash

There are lots of fun Easter games and activities that you can try out on Purple Mash. Explore the possibilities!

Mrs Williams' suggestion... Cardboard Tube Easter Bunnies and Chicks

Collect up cardboard tubes and turn them into Easter bunnies or other animals. Be as creative as you like! Or have a go at stamping Easter bunny shapes using a cardboard roll as your stamp.



Mrs McGibney's suggestion... Find out about the Easter story and Easter traditions

Find out about the Easter story in the Bible. Turn the story into a comic strip or a picture book for younger children. Research where Easter traditions come from: Easter eggs or hot cross buns for example.

Games and Family Activities

Miss Coveney's suggestion... A Back Garden Scavenger Hunt

Set up a scavenger hunt for either indoors or outdoors. Make a list of things that need to be found. You could play this in teams and see who comes back with the most items in a given amount of time. Examples of things that you could put on your list:

- Find 3 different types of leaf
- Find something yellow
- Find something fluffy
- Find something that you can bend





Mrs McPhee's suggestion... Mini Egg Fudge

Make Mini Egg Fudge: 600g white chocolate, 400g tin condensed milk, 1tsp vanilla extract, 2x 90g bags of mini eggs.

Method: Line a small rectangular baking tray or cake tin with baking parchment.

Break or chop the chocolate in to pieces and place in to a large microwavable bowl.

Pour over the condensed milk and mix together, put in the microwave and heat for 30 seconds stirring in between until chocolate has melted.

Beat well with a wooden spoon until it all comes together.

Add the vanilla extract and stir.

Pour in half of the eggs in to the tray and spread evenly out, tip the fudge in to the tray and spread out using a palette knife.

Scatter over the rest of the eggs pushing them into the fudge quickly before it sets.

Mrs Pluckrose's suggestion... An Easter Treasure Hunt

Design a treasure hunt/egg hunt for the rest of the family or a younger sibling. There should be sets of clues which could be anything from maths questions (e.g., the number of paces to right is 2×3) or riddles, or even answer a quiz to be given a map to the treasure...possibilities are endless really! Can you draw a treasure hunt map and give clues using co-ordinates?



Mrs Coles' suggestion... Pin the Tail on the Bunny

Pin the tail on the bunny – draw a large bunny on a big piece of paper and draw a cross where the tail should go. Each family member has to stick a cotton wool ball on the bunny whilst blind folded. Who can get closest to the cross?

Mrs Rigden's suggestion... Get Talking

There are lots of activities that you can do to develop Speech and Language skills.

Make a theatre and puppets to retell a story. Use a cardboard box to make into a theatre and decorate. Draw pictures of the characters on paper or card and stick to pencils, lolly pop sticks, or wooden utensils from the kitchen.

Make a board game with instructions on how to play it. Then play it. Use items from around the house to include in your game. You could use card from a cereal box as the base and small toys could be used as markers. Make your own dice out of card. Explain the instructions to the players.

Look around the house and garden and talk about what things are the same and what are different. Why are they different? And why are they the same? This could be used on a walk around the estate or over the fields. A sheep and cow both have four legs but are different because one is big and one is small. What other animals can you think of that have 4 legs?



Miss Causebrook's suggestion... Easter Themed Teddy Bear's Picnic

Gather your favourite toys and teddies together for an Easter themed teddy bear's picnic. Design a menu and party invitations to send out to everyone. Make pretend Easter eggs to give to all the toys that come along.

Mrs Taylor's suggestion... Easter Gift Basket

Can you make an Easter gift basket to leave on a neighbour's doorstep to cheer them up? Make an Easter card to put with it. What else could you include?



Fun Outdoors (although you can do lots of these indoors too)

Mr Smith's suggestion... Try out some of the activities on the National Trust Website

The National Trust has lots of exciting activities on its website that you might like to explore. Have a look at their list of 50 things to do before you are 11^{3/4}: E.g. create some wild art; get to know a tree; bring up a butterfly or a moth, stargaze; set up a snail race) (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11--activity-list>;

<https://nt.global.ssl.fastly.net/documents/50-things-activity-list.pdf>)

Blossom Watch: If you go to a park or green area for your exercise with your family, look to see how many different types of blossom you can see. Or do you have any blossoms in your garden at home? (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/blossom-watch>)

Make a twig heart (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/features/how-to-make-a-twig-heart>)

Make wildflower seed balls (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/how-to-make-wildflower-seed-balls>)

Look for signs of spring (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/best-places-to-spot-signs-of-spring>)



Mrs Jones' suggestion... Egg and Spoon Race

Enjoy an egg and spoon race with your family. If you haven't got any plastic eggs to use, try ping pong balls or other rounded objects. Why not set up some obstacles in your back garden that those playing have to go around or under!

Office Mrs Kelleher's suggestion... Get planting!

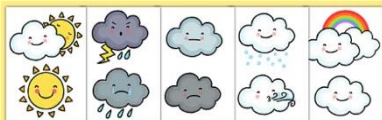
Get the whole family involved in growing! This is the time to get into your garden, so why not create a veggie patch. This can be a large area, small area, hanging planters or even pots for growing. If you have a very small garden you can grow more by going vertical, use trellises, fences etc. Or make your own planters from recycled materials.

Seeds packets can still be found in supermarkets.

Best to grow in April would be:-

Leeks, peas, spinach, beetroot, carrots, lettuce, radish, onions, beans and potatoes.

Have ago and watch the lovely vegetables grow for all the family to enjoy. Don't forget to take photos to show family and friends.



Miss Attenborough's suggestion...Go Outside and Look for Signs of Spring

See what signs of spring you can see outside:

Make a list of the things that spring is:

- What things **LOOK** spring?
- What things **SOUND** spring?
- What things **SMELL** spring?
- How does spring **FEEL**?
- What makes **YOU FEEL** spring?
- List 6: What things **TASTE** spring?
- What **EXPERIENCES** or **IDEAS** seem spring?

Design and then keep a weather diary for the week: when you wake up and when you go to bed.

Go on a mini-beast hunt outside your home or out on your daily walk: draw or record what you find.

Study a tree using all your senses and then use this information to write a poem.

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/poetree/>

There are lots and lots of other things that you could try out at home to keep yourself busy over Easter – there's no need to get bored!

- You might want to join in with the Godinton Estate challenge – display a picture of an Easter egg in your window. Then if you're out on your daily exercise walk – see how many eggs you can count.

Last week, Lower School had the opportunity to share their 'Rainbow Challenges', by sending in pictures for the school website. Over the Easter break, we would like to ask Middle and Upper School to send pictures of themselves completing tasks from this Springtime Activity List. This could be a picture of the children or just their finished work. Perhaps a picture of you decorating an egg, or making a kite or having an egg and spoon race. Whatever you've been up to, we'd love to see. Please send good quality pictures to homelearning@godinton.kent.sch.uk

Please put 'Springtime Activities' in the subject box of your email and in the body of your email please state that you are happy for your these photos to be uploaded to the school website. We hope to use some of the images in our next newsletter too.

Have fun!

