

Once upon a Rainbow

People have been putting colourful rainbow pictures on their windows to cheer up passers-by.

The rainbows aim to make people smile while they are walking by, and also offer a message of hope.



Rainbows are used as a symbol of peace and hope as they often appear when the sun follows a heavy rainfall.

They serve to remind us that there is hope and light to follow even after dark times.

You will need:

Different coloured chinks: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet but any different coloured chalk will bring a smile on everyone's face!

When out in your garden or out for a walk, collect natural objects from the ground, for example, daisies or a dandelion for yellow, a red campion flower for red. If when you return home, you are missing some colours, have a look indoors for small toys (a toy car or animal).

Let's get Wild!

1. **PREPARE:** a collecting bag or basket.
2. **LOOK:** When out and about on daily exercise, gather some natural treasures i.e. a leaf. Think before you pick. If you are collecting from rural countryside it is reasonable to collect a couple of leaves and flowers. If you live in a town, some flowers close to pavements or roads may have been planted (leave them where they are and take a photo!).
3. **AT HOME:** Are there any small toys that could be used on your rainbow?
4. **CHALK** a rainbow on a stone or on the tarmac.
5. **ADD** your natural finds to your rainbow. Can you find any more natural colours close to home?
6. **ADD** your toys from home.
7. **FINALLY**, take a photograph of your work.

How does this compliment my child's home schooling?

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They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another

They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.

I have been reading *Once upon a Rainbow* by Gabriele Eichenauer during Lockdown to my daughter but there is a world of rainbow stories on the internet to inspire some colour, play and learning with your children.

Calm... To support you

READ Alternative resources: *Elmer* by David McKee, *Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly* by Sue Heap and Nick Sharratt, *Eva and the Rainbow (Who Stayed)* by Ged Adamson or *WOW said the Owl* by Tim Hopgood. Any book with bright colours can introduce the colours of the rainbow!

ONLINE I can sing a Rainbow <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-i-can-sing-a-rainbow/zn3tqp3> and Somewhere Over the Rainbow from The Wizard of Oz <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSZxmZmBfnU>.