

Nova's Springtime Nature Hunt

Learning objective: To observe and identify signs of spring in the natural world, supporting the Pre-K Understanding the World goal.

Nova the barn owl is looking for signs that spring has arrived! Look at the pictures below or go outside into your garden or school grounds. Tick the boxes next to the items that you have spotted today. Then, answer Nova's questions about what you found.

Word bank: Buds · Blossom · Frogspawn · Lambs · Sunshine

1. Nova saw a small green bud on a tree. Why do you think the tree is growing new buds now that spring is here? (2 marks)

2. If you saw a fluffy lamb in a field, how would you describe how it moves? (2 marks)

3. Which of these things have you seen today? Tick the ones you found: ☐ Blossom ☐ Frogspawn ☐ Lambs (2 marks)

4. Nova wants to know: what happens to the weather in spring compared to winter? Does it get warmer or colder? (2 marks)

5. If a packet of seeds costs £1, and you have £2, how many packets could you buy to plant in your spring garden? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a spring flower, like a daffodil or a bluebell, that you might see during your nature hunt with Nova.



Extension challenge: Go on a 'Spring Sound Walk' with a partner. Close your eyes for one minute and count how many different bird songs or nature sounds you can hear, then draw a picture of what you think is making each sound.