

RHS GARDEN HYDE HALL

Self Guided Activity Ideas for Schools



Foundation & Key Stage 1

Bark Rubbings

Curricular Links: Science and Art



How long will it take?

5 minutes per tree

What do we need to bring?

- Paper
- Chunky wax crayons
- Camera

How do we do it?

- Hold the paper up to the tree and using the side of the crayon, rub across the paper.
- Take a picture of the bark and leaves of the tree.
- Write down the name of the tree.

Where can we do it?

Anywhere you can find a tree. Please note - **when a tree has a flowerbed surrounding it, please do not tread on it even if it looks like nothing is growing.**

When can we do it?

Any time of the year.



Follow-up Ideas for School

- See if you can match the bark rubbings to the pictures of the trees.
- Older children can choose a tree and investigate more about it. Draw pictures of the leaves.
- Investigate why trees have bark. What could happen if the bark was damaged?
- Investigate tree rings and how to tell the age of a tree.

