

# MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

## What is Making Space for Nature?

**What?** 'Making Space for Nature' includes weekly indoor and outdoor activities for you to enjoy engaging with the nature on your doorstep.

**Why?** "Making Space for Nature' invites pupils to be part of the wonderful green spaces, waterways and lakes in their surrounding area.

**How?** We invite you to join other school pupils to become part of Making Space for Nature's network of children exploring their own 'naturehood', sharing activities.

## Activity 1: Where on Earth am I?

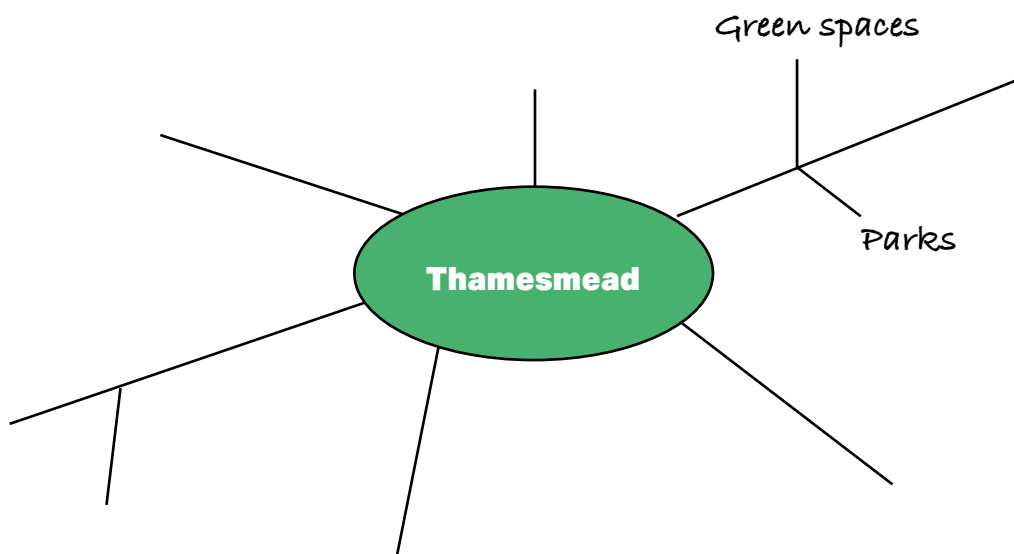
**Before you start, take this survey:** <https://tinyurl.com/ycknsh9j>

For the outdoor part of this activity, you will need to ask an adult to go with you. Questions 1 and 2 will be completed indoors. Question 3 will be completed outdoors.

### 1. What does your local area mean to you?

Fill in the squares in the mind map below or draw your own mind map on a piece of paper copying the one below. Add to this 'mind map' using any words that come into your head when you think about your local area and the environment. What are your favourite places or what things do you like doing around your local area?

Two suggestions have been added. You can add your own lines to add as many words you can think of. Save your mind map, add your name and send it back to your teacher.



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## Activity 1: Where on Earth am I?

### 2. Where am I?

You will draw a map of your local area. Go on to <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/>

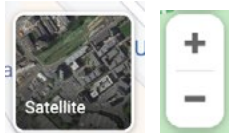
Type your postcode into the search box in the top left hand corner.



Before going outside, choose a place you will go to where you can enjoy nature. Click on 'Directions' and type in the name of the green space, park or woods you are going to.



Now, you are looking down on that area from above. Click from 'map view' on to 'satellite view' in the left bottom corner and it will show an aerial photo of the buildings and green spaces. You can make the area bigger or smaller by zooming in and out clicking the + and - icon in the right hand bottom corner.



On the map grid on the next page, draw the location of your home, surrounding streets and buildings and the green space you will walk to explore. **Here is an example:**

a. Add compass points in the corner of your map (On google maps, a map is always shown this way up)

b. Add a KEY to your map, for example

My home	
Trees	
Flowers	
Park	
Playground	
Street	
Lake	
Woods	

### Now, you are ready to map nature!

1. You will need to take your map grid on page 3 (or a sheet of paper) and a pencil.
2. As you walk, look then LOOK closer again. Add to your map as you notice different things around you.
3. When you get home, finish your map, complete the MAP KEY table and colour it in.
4. Photograph your map, add your name and send it back to your teacher.

**KEEP YOUR MAP AS YOU WILL NEED IT FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND TO ENTER INTO OUR COMPETITION.**

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## Activity 1: Where on Earth am I?

Print this sheet or draw your own on a sheet of paper.

Your first name:

24				
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	10	11	12	13

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## Activity 1: Where on Earth am I?

### Map Key

**Place**

**Symbol**

### Well done – you are ‘making space for nature’!

Please send to your teacher:

- Your mind map (page 1)
- Your map (page 3)
- Your map key (page 4)

If you're interested in other nature activities, you'll find some here:

- [www.goingwild.net](http://www.goingwild.net)
- <https://www.facebook.com/goingwild/>
- <https://twitter.com/goingwildnet?lang=en-gb>
- <https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/57739/petition/1>
- <https://www.backyardnature.org/resources/>
- <https://www.wwf.org.uk/things-to-do-home>
- <https://mailchi.mp/johnmuirtrust.org/wildinside>
- <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/05/nature-activities-for-kids-to-do-at-home-part-6/>