

## Key Stage 2

### Complete a Sound Map



Follow the instructions below!

### Eggs in an Egg



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### Make Easter Biscuits

Try making some biscuits. There is a recipe below, but you might not have all the ingredients. You don't need things like all spice and cinnamon but if you do have them you can add them. Try experimenting with flavours and ingredients!

### Make Natural Art

Mix things up, put the pencils and crayons to one side and look for natural art materials instead. Collect fallen leaves, petals and sticks and use them to make a picture or sculpture.



# Easter Biscuits

## Ingredients

For the dough

200g/7oz softened butter, plus extra for greasing

150g/5½oz caster sugar

2 large free-range egg yolks

400g/14oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting

1 level tsp ground mixed spice

1 level tsp ground cinnamon

2-4 tbsp milk

For the traditional currant biscuits

100g/3½oz currants

caster sugar, for sprinkling

For the iced biscuits

1-2 tsp lemon juice

250g/9oz icing sugar

different food colourings



## Method

1. Sieve in the flour and spices and add enough milk to make a soft dough. Bring together, using your hands, to make a soft dough.
2. Halve the mixture and set half to one side.
3. For the traditional currant biscuits, add the currants to half of the mixture and knead lightly on a lightly floured work surface. Roll out to a thickness of about 5mm/ $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Cut into rounds using a circular cutter. Place on the prepared baking trays. Sprinkle with caster sugar.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until pale golden brown. Keep a careful eye on the biscuits – it doesn't matter if you open the oven door to check. Sprinkle with more caster sugar and lift onto a wire rack to cool. Store in an airtight container.
5. For the iced biscuits, knead the remaining half of the biscuit dough lightly on a lightly floured work surface. Roll out to a thickness of 5mm/ $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Cut out Easter biscuits using an assortment of shaped cutters, such as bunnies, Easter eggs, chicks or spring flowers.
6. Lightly grease two baking trays lined with baking paper.
7. Place the biscuit shapes on the prepared baking trays and bake in the preheated oven for 10-15 minutes. Remove from the oven and lift onto a wire rack to cool.
8. To make the icing, pass one teaspoon of lemon juice through a fine sieve, to remove any pips or bits. Mix the icing sugar with the lemon juice and then add about two tablespoons of cold water, adding it little by little until you have a relatively stiff but smooth icing. Add a splash more sieved lemon juice if necessary.
9. Divide the icing into separate bowls and mix in food colourings of your choice into the separate bowls of icing, until you achieve the desired shade.
10. Spoon a little icing into a piping bag and pipe your decorations onto the biscuits. For a smooth finish, you can pipe the outline of your design in the firmer icing, then slacken it down a bit by mixing in a little more water, giving the icing more of a runny consistency, and use this to fill in the designs.

## How to Make a Sound Map

Choose a quiet listening spot in your garden.

You will need a piece of paper with an X marked in the centre. The paper is a sound map and X shows where you are sitting. When you hear a sound, makes a mark on the paper to show where the sound came from and what was making the sound. You don't need to draw a detailed picture for each sound, but to make just a simple mark. For example, a few wavy lines could show a gust of wind, or a musical note could indicate a singing bird. Making simple marks keeps the focus on listening rather than on drawing.

Close your eyes while listening for sounds. To help make "fox" ears by cupping your hands behind the ears. This hand position will create a greater surface area to capture sounds. Try cupping your hands in front of your ears (palms facing backwards) to hear sounds behind you more easily.

Play for a few minutes, 4 to 10 minutes is good!

What sounds were the most familiar to you?

What sound had you never heard before? Do you know what made the sound?

What sound did you like best? Why?

Sitting quietly listening calms us and deepens our appreciation for the life around us. Sound Map is an excellent activity for instilling greater awareness of your surroundings.

### Egg in an Egg

It's not hard to hatch this fun project. The steps are easy:

1. Insert the egg into a pre-stretched **balloon**. Blow up the balloon until it's the size of a tennis ball. Knot the balloon and spray it with a light coating of cooking spray.
2. Cut **cotton string or thin wool** into six or seven 2-foot lengths.
3. Pour **white glue** into a dish. Dip a length of string into the glue to coat it, then run it between your thumb and forefinger to remove the excess glue. Wrap it around the balloon. Add more crisscrossing strands until there are no gaps larger than the egg.
4. Clip the knot of the balloon to hanger and hang it up to dry.
5. With scissors, carefully pop the balloon and remove it.





## Land Art

Use items from Nature to make designs like the ones below.

Make sure that you wash your hands and check with an adult what you are allowed to pick up.



# Paper Mache Rabbit



## **Materials:**

- Egg carton cup
- Newspaper
- Tape (masking or scotch),
- Tissue (optional),
- Mod podge, watered down glue or paper mache paste
- Paint

## Instructions:

### FORM THE HEAD:

Crumple up a ball of newspaper (about 1/4 of a sheet) and put it in the egg carton cup.



Tape the cup shut so the newspaper doesn't fall out.



### FORM THE EARS:

Cut ears out of left over pieces of the egg carton container or anything else you have handy (cardboard, margarine container lids, etc).

Tape the ears to the head.





### FORM THE BODY:

Take an entire sheet of newspaper and crumple it up so it forms an egg shape with a neck.

Wrap tape around it so it holds it's shape.

Tape the head to the neck.



### FORM THE ARMS:

Take 1/2 a sheet of newspaper and roll it into a sausage. Tape.

Bend the sausage into a U shape.



Wrap the sausage around the bunny's neck with the curve of the U at the back of the bunny.  
Tape it on.

### FORM THE TAIL AND FEET

Use small pieces of newspaper and make balls. Tape them to hold their shape.



Tape the feet onto the bottom of the bunny and the tail onto the back.

This step is very important! Make sure you put the bunny on a flat surface and feet and tail flush with the table. This will balance the bunny so it stands up.



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Coat bunny with 1/2 and 1/2 glue and water solution, mod podge or paper mache paste.

Cover with 2 or 3 layers of toilet tissue or newspaper (tissue gives a bumpier texture than newspaper).

Paint your bunny. Use markers and white paint (or liquid paper in a pinch) to add details.



## Chick Egg Carton Craft

Two egg carton cups, some paint and a few scraps of construction paper are all you need to make this cute little yellow chick craft.

I find the hardest part of the craft is attaching the top and bottom together... This may require some adult assistance.

### **Materials:**

- 2 egg carton cups
- yellow tempa paint or acrylic paint
- orange and yellow construction paper scraps

- Optional: two small [wiggly eyes](#).
- glue,
- scissors,
- tape
- paintbrush,



## Instructions:



- Cut two cups from an egg carton and trim to smooth out the tops
- Paint the cups yellow on the outside... You can paint the inside too or leave it unpainted -- then let dry
- Tape the two cups together, using one piece of tape on the inside of the cups to make a "ball shape" from the egg cartons that opens and shuts -- I find this to be the toughest step. It may require adult supervision.





- cut out a couple of triangle shapes and tape them to the openings to make a beak
- use [wiggly eyes](#) or a black marker to add eyes.
- Add yellow construction paper wings and orange construction paper feet (glue them on)



- you can put a little treasure inside the chick (jellybeans or chocolate eggs work well).

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## Optional Easter Activities

Choose activities from the grid below. How many can you do?



<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Design a daily fitness circuit with 7 different tasks plus a water/rest station.</u></b></p> <p>Remember to organise it so you have different activities to work on different muscles types and a range of cardio moves. Get the whole family involved!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Continents Project</u></b></p> <p>Choose a country and find out information about it. E.g. Food, map, landmarks, famous people etc.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Quiz</u></b></p> <p>Design a quiz for your family. You will need to think of a set of question and answers which can be grouped into categories. Perhaps you could include forfeits or bonus question..</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Practise your times tables -</u></b> how fast can you recite them?</p> <p>Can you hold a family competition? Play on Hit the Button - focus on times tables, division facts and squared numbers <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Diary</u></b></p> <p>Can you record a written or video diary of your time in isolation? This will be something talked about in history lessons of the future!</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Restaurant</u></b></p> <p>Organise a restaurant in your home. Could you cook a meal or bake something for your family to share? (Ask permission first and you may need a family member to help you).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Portraits and Photography-</u></b></p> <p>Take portrait photographs of their family members considering light and textures. Can you use the photographs to draw portraits in pen considering light and tone?</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Hand Written Letters</u></b></p>  <p>Can you write a letter to a friend or a family member who you can't see to cheer them up, perhaps you could include a picture or something you have made?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Organise an treasure hunt</u></b></p> <p>There are lots on the internet to help but organise and write a scavenger hunt or a clue based treasure hunt for the whole family.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Can you create an Easter Garden?</u></b></p> <p>Many churches and places of worship create Easter Gardens to remember and celebrate the sacrifice Jesus made. Use the internet to inspire you.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mapping Skills -</u></b></p> <p>Identify the countries or cities within the UK where your family members originate from or live. Can you plot these on a map?</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Music</u></b></p> <p>Write your own song/rap about your time in isolation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Write a book review.</u></b></p> <p>What book have you read and loved recently? Write a book review to encourage others to read it. If your favourite book has been made into a film, why not watch the film with your family and discuss how it is different from the book? <i>(If you have the film ofcourse!)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Time to Talk:</u></b></p> <p>Play a board game, facetime a member of your family they have not seen this week, enjoy a family indoor picnic or have a family dinner.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Music from the Past</u></b></p> <p>Research music from the decade your parents, grandparents or other older family members were born. What were the most popular bands or singers during this time? Can you perform a song from this decade and create your very own dance routine?</p>

