

Terrific Trees Audit

Trees are amazing. They help us by breathing out the oxygen that we need to breathe in. They also give a home to lots of insects, birds, bats and other wildlife. They give us shade to keep cool in the summer and they give us wood to build furniture and paper to write on.

Trees can also be really old – even older than your grandparents, so it's important that we care for them and treat them with respect.

Sometimes trees are cut down to make things or because they are not safe near our homes. It's important that we try and plant new trees and care for them until they are big and strong.



Try and answer the questions in the table.

Do you have any trees or hedges growing in your setting?	YES 	NO 
In the autumn, do you ever collect acorns, conkers or sycamore helicopter seeds and plant them to grow new trees?	YES 	NO 
Do you go on any tree walks in your local area?	YES 	NO 
Can children in your setting name at least one type of tree?	YES 	NO 
Do you ever collect fallen leaves to make pictures?	YES 	NO 
Do you have any books, stories, or posters about trees and woodland wildlife available for the children to explore?	YES 	NO 
Do children get the opportunity to hug, feel the bark of, or climb (safely) any trees in your setting or local community?	YES 	NO 



If you have any answers with sad faces, think about what you could change in your setting to make them happy faces?

What do we want to change?	How will we change it?	What difference did we make after we made the change?