



11 things to do in November outside in the Colne Valley



November is the 11th month in our year so here are 11 things you can do outside while you explore the Colne Valley



1. Walk through the fallen autumn leaves. What does it sound like? How does it make you feel?
2. Go tree bark rubbing - was the tree bark smooth, rough, bumpy, hard, soft?
3. Look for autumn colours. How many different colours did you find?
4. Plant an acorn seed. It might grow into a mighty oak someday
5. Close your eyes and listen. How many different sounds can you hear?
6. Find 5 different kinds of leaves. Can you identify them? Use a leaf ID App on your phone to help you.
7. See if you can spy any fish in the rivers. Did you manage to see any? How big were they?
8. Go on a minibeast hunt. Which one is your favourite? You might find worms, spiders, ants, beetles, earwig, woodlouse, slugs and snails.
9. Make a mini fairy den with twigs and moss. What else did you find to create your fairy den?
10. Look for evidence of wildlife. Can you find any animal tracks? Can you find hazelnut or acorns that have been nibbled - maybe you can find out who has eaten them? Find wildlife tracks and feeding ID Apps on your phone to help you.
11. Create a November picture. Collect natural materials such as leaves, twigs, grasses and moss and create your own picture on the ground. Take a photo of your creation and post on our Facebook.

Bonus Activity: Can you write a Haiku? A Haiku is a short poem. This type of poem originated in Japan. It is usually 3 lines long. The first and third lines are 5 syllables and the second line is 7 syllables (5/7/5 structure)

See if you can write a Haiku - maybe about November, Nature, Wildlife, or The Seasons. Here are a few examples:

Wintertime magic,
Frost laced trees and lakes sparkle
In crisp morning sun.

Autumn leaves falling
Red, orange, yellow and brown
Winter's sleep awaits.

Heron- poised, waiting
Spreads wings and lifts to the sky
Silently flies by

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