

## Sound of the week - 'Nn' - Nature

### Items you will need:

- A piece of cardboard
- Elastic bands
- Plants/leaves/flowers

During this time of year, there are lots of different plants and flowers that are blooming. Perhaps you could go on a walk and see what types of leaves and flowers you can find. With the pieces of nature that you have found, use a cardboard template that can be cut out in a shape, or the first letter of your name, and place the different flowers and plants along the edge of the template, securing them with elastic bands or glue. *\*See image above as an example\**



This activity helps children build their knowledge on shapes, as well as arrangement. To help expand the children's knowledge of shapes, you could ask them how many elastic bands they think they need to cover each side of the shape, as well as talking to the child about how many sides and shapes the template has. This also helps the child expand their knowledge on nature - parents can talk to the child about what plants produce certain plants, and what tends to grow during the different seasons.

This activity produces a beautiful piece of art that can be given to grandparents or other loved ones, therefore making it that little bit more special! If you're using a rectangle template, you could even draw an image inside, or place a printed photo inside and make it into a photo frame!

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