

How we use Newington Green

Newington Green is a great place to learn, play, eat and drink, discover nature, walk your dog and have a rest. We are lucky to have Newington Green so close!

Children working in groups or pairs with a clipboard. Tape measures and rulers available at the TGC hut.



LEARNING

The Garden Classroom's hut is where children meet to learn. Have a look at the hut and see what animals are painted on the shutters.

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Which tree does the painting of the leaf come from?

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Can you spot the little door on the log?
Who or what do you think lives behind the little door?

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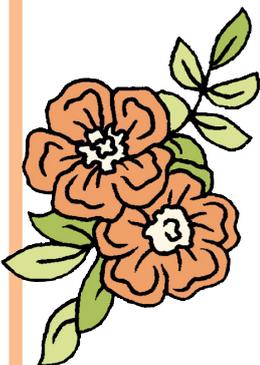
If you start at the hut door, how many steps is it to the nearest park gate, keeping to the path and walking carefully?

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Which trees or plants have the biggest leaves?

Which have the smallest leaves?

Walk round the park and see which leaves you can cover with one of your hands and which need two hands to cover them. Can you find any unusually-shaped leaves? Can you find a leaf with a line of symmetry? Draw the leaf you like best.



DISCOVERING NATURE

There are always lots of flowers on Newington Green. Walk round the edge of the Green using the tally chart below to record each time you see a group of flowers in that colour. Why not smell the flowers too? But watch out for bees who might be visiting the flower to sip the nectar. Can you see which flowers are most popular with the bees? Why do you think that might be?

FLOWER COLOUR	TALLY	TOTAL
RED		
YELLOW		
BLUE		
PINK		
ORANGE		
OTHER		

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TREES

There are lots of trees on Newington Green. How many silver birch trees are in the middle of the park?

Have a close look at the trees and feel and smell their bark. Can you count the big branches on one tree?

Do they all have the same number of branches?

Can you put your hands or your arms round the trunk of the tree? Can you find a tree which is so big it needs two people to reach round the tree?



What could we use if we needed an exact measurement of these trees?

PLAYING

Have a look at the playground. What colours do you see?

What shapes do you see?

Are there any 3-D shapes?

Which piece of playground equipment is favourite in your group?

EATING AND DRINKING

Some people come to Newington Green to have a picnic. Your friend has a box containing 50 raisins. If your friend gives 20 to the teacher and 15 to you, how many are left for your friend?

Some people come to the café, Lizzy's, and buy a snack and eat it sitting at the tables outside Lizzy's. How many tables are outside Lizzy's?

How many people can sit outside Lizzy's altogether?

If you went to Lizzy's with £5.00 to spend on snacks what would you buy?

How much would you spend and how much change would you have?

If Lizzy cuts a cake in four pieces and you eat one piece, what fraction of the cake is left?

RESTING

Go and sit on the benches in the middle of the park and have a rest! Can you count how many benches there are altogether in the park? Make sure you don't miss any!

Why is it important that there are lots of benches in the park?

What materials are the benches made from?

How many lengths of wood are in one bench?

How many lengths of wood altogether in the benches in the centre of the park?

Look at the silver birch trees. Could you make a bench from the wood in one silver birch tree?

LOOKING AFTER NEWINGTON GREEN

Here is a watering can which the nice people at The Garden Classroom use to water the flowers on Newington Green. Which of these words describe the amount of water it contains?



5 KILOGRAMS 5 DEGREES 5 LITRES 5 METRES

We all need to make sure we look after Newington Green so everyone can enjoy it. What can YOU do to help take care of Newington Green?

Can you pick up one piece of litter and put it in the bin before you go back to school?