



# Spring Week

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# FACTS ABOUT SPRING

## 1. It starts at different times

Spring can start at different times, depending on who you ask. Looking at the astronomical calendar the first day of spring is 20 March. The Phenological method records dates of reoccurring natural phenomena such as flowering. For meteorologists, spring starts on 1 March and runs until 31 May.

## 2. Snow?

Many people say you're more likely to see snow at Easter than at Christmas. This is borne out of statistics to some extent - snow or sleet falls on average 3.9 days in December, compared to 4.2 days in March. However, because Easter is a 'moveable feast', it can also take place in April, which has only 2.3 days of snow or sleet fall. So, it depends on exactly when Easter falls in any given year.

## 3. Vernal Equinox

The first day of spring, the vernal equinox, has 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness.

4. The warmest spring on record was 2011 with an average daytime temperature of 9.2 °C.

5. ...and the coldest spring was the spring of 1962, with an average daytime maximum of 5.8 °C.

## 6. The wettest spring

1947 saw the wettest spring to date with 331.7 mm of rainfall.

## 7. Average temperatures

The average mean temperature for spring is 7.7 °C.

## 8. Something in the air?

Sense of smell can be more acute in spring as there is usually more moisture in the air.

## 9. It isn't the start of the pollen season

Spring is often associated with the start of the pollen season. However, some pollen types can release as early as January.

## 10. The sunniest spring

The sunniest spring was in 1948, in which a total of 558 sunshine hours were recorded.

## Spring Activity Ideas

### Make Your Own Bubbles



Blowing bubbles is usually a hit with children of all ages. Even better than just blowing them is making them yourself with a few supplies you probably already have on hand. For DIY bubbles you need just water, washing up liquid and glycerine.

Once you mix up a batch, play some garden games with bubbles. For instance, try bubble pop freeze dance where someone blows bubbles and players pop as many as they can until the music goes off and they must freeze. Anyone who doesn't freeze is out until there's only one player left. Or try bubble tag, in which the person who's "it" must tag another player by blowing a bubble that hits them.

### Make Magic Potion



Spring feels like a magical time with all the new growth and return of the warm sun. Help your children celebrate its arrival by making a batch of "magic potion."

They can collect natural ingredients from the garden (e.g., berries, flower petals, leaf clippings) and mix them up with a solution of water (dyed with natural colouring if you wish).

Then, have them pour it in the grass or garden to help make things grow and blossom.

### What you will need:

- Paper
- Colouring pens or paint
- Scissors and glue
- Paper plate
- Tissue paper or sticks for the nest



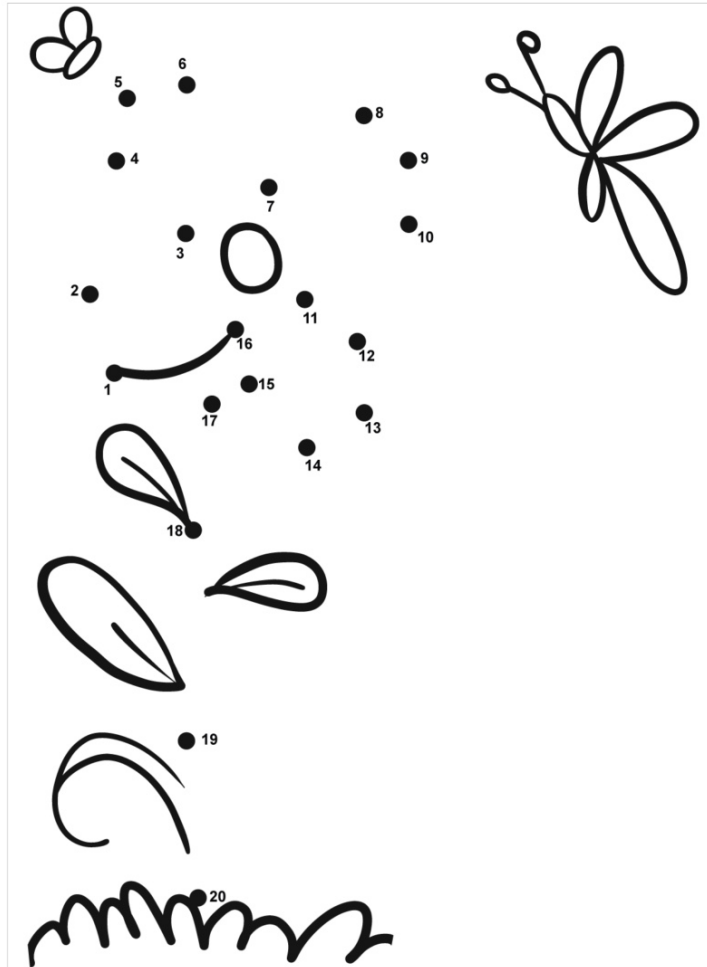
## New birds in the nest craft

To start making your own bird in a nest you need to first get some plain paper, toward the middle of your paper you want to draw 3 egg shaped circles in a row these will make your birds, don't forget to colour them in and add their eyes and beaks. Once you have done this its time to create the nest for the birds, to do this you need to cut a paper plate in half and then paint or colour it brown. Once you have let it dry you can stick onto the bottom portion of the paper at the bottom of the birds, so it looks like they are sitting in the nest. Your final steps is to make your nest look a little more like an actual nest to do this you can use shredded bits of brown tissue paper or if you want it to look even more realistic you can find small twigs and leaves outside that you can use to stick on the paper plate to complete the nest.

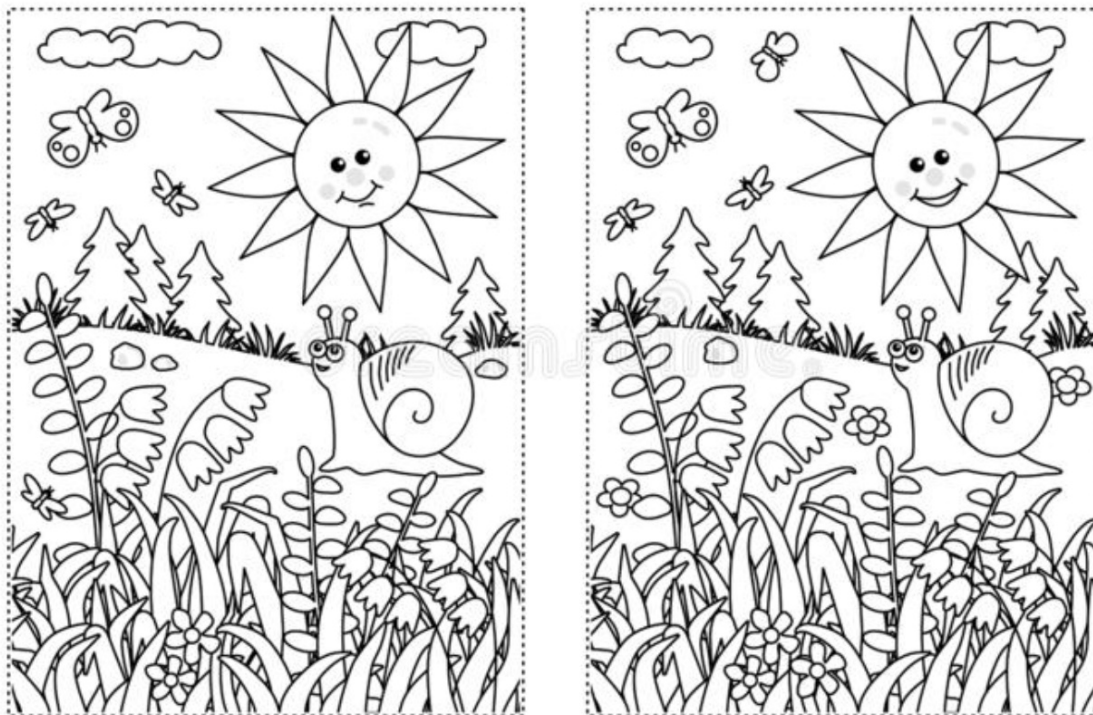


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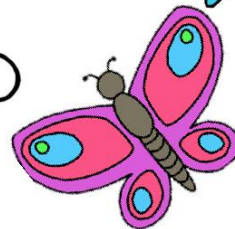
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- EASTER
- WARM
- FLOWERS
- SUNSHINE
- BUTTERFLY
- GREEN
- RABBIT
- GARDEN
- PICNIC
- SEEDS
- TREE
- NATURE
- BUGS
- RAINBOW
- NEST
- SHOWERS
- GRASS
- SPRING
- BIRDS





## Spring Activity Ideas

### Throw a Flower-Themed Party



Need an idea for your children? How about a Flower Themed Party. This theme celebrates everything floral, complete with flower-themed decorations, cake, crafts, and games.

Besides having cut flowers as centrepieces, learn to make paper flowers with your kids as you celebrate.

### Make a Birdhouse



In the spring, birds return to the landscape and are looking for places to nest. So, making a birdhouse with your kids is the perfect spring project.

There are many creative ways to build a birdhouse to suit your style and crafting ability.

To make things easier, you can purchase a birdhouse kit at many craft stores that comes with simple instructions and all the supplies you need.