

WANDERING AND WONDERING...

SOME IDEAS TO GET YOUR WONDER JOURNAL OFF TO A GREAT START

TAKE A LOOK DOWN

Next time you are out walking, notice the ground beneath you. What's there? Can you find something beautiful? Something intriguing? Something unexpected?

CAPTURE SOME COLOURS

Colour is everywhere - in the natural *and* the built environment. Choose a colour - maybe your favorite one - and write down all the things you do with that colour. What do you notice?

SHAPE UP

Choose a shape. Now see if you can find lots of examples of that shape in the environment. It may be in the least expected places! Take some photos and sketch your findings.

HEART OF STONE

Once you start looking, it's amazing how many things you can find that are heart shaped. Leaves, stones, clouds...start a collection. Make an art work.

LISTEN UP

Take the five minute listening challenge. Find a place outdoors where you can sit, alone, for at least five minutes. Now listen very, very carefully. What do you hear? What's close by? What's far away? Make a list of the sounds. Are there any mysterious ones? Record them.

WALKING WONDERS

People are simply fascinating. Have you ever stopped to watch the different ways people walk? Find a place where you can observe this closely. What do you notice? Why *do* people move differently? What does it make you wonder?

LOOK AGAIN

There are many things we see every day, but never look at closely. For example, take some time to look really closely at some coins and notes. Use a magnifying glass if you can. What do you notice? What do you wonder? Do you have money from other countries? How does it compare? What other everyday objects could you examine more closely?

PET DETECTIVE

It's amazing what you notice when you take time to really observe your pet closely. What *do* they do all day? How are they like and unlike humans? What is their favorite place to be? How do you know? Do you think they have emotions? Do they think? How do they communicate? Record your findings in any way you like.

DIZZY HEIGHTS

What's the tallest tree in your neighborhood? The tallest house? The highest fence? What are the tallest buildings in your city? Country? The world? How tall are you? How much have you grown since you were a baby? How tall do you think you will be when you are an adult? Take some time to explore height.

LOOK UP

The sky is the most amazing place to study if only we take the time to look up. What do you see when you look up? What does it make you wonder? Go outside in the early morning, at dusk and at night. How does the sky change? How does the light change?

WHAT'S IT MADE OF?

Everything in the world is made up of matter. What kind of matter are the things around you made of? Can you find examples of solids, liquids and gases around you? Are there some things that seem in-between?

SAME, SAME BUT DIFFERENT

Make a collection of examples of the same thing - e.g. shells, feathers, rocks, keys, bottle tops, seeds, leaves or petals. Lay them out next to each other and notice how different each item is, even if they are all the same thing.