

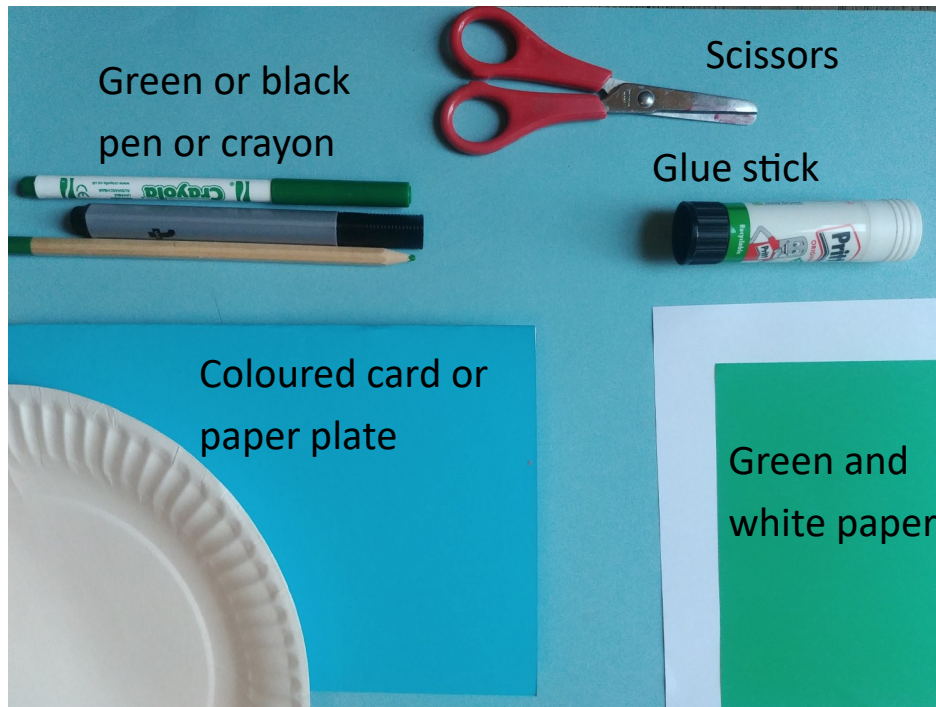
Snowdrop Cards

We have been exploring our local woodland in the last couple of months and have started to see snowdrops growing amongst the trees. They flower so early as they grow from bulbs and so they can survive the cold winter months.

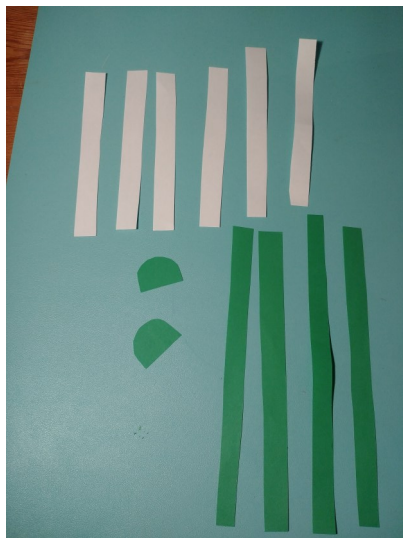


A simple, fun activity to do is to make 3D snowdrop pictures. These can be made into cards, perhaps ready for Mother's Day in March, or they could be stuck onto paper plates to decorate your wall or window.

To do this activity you will need:



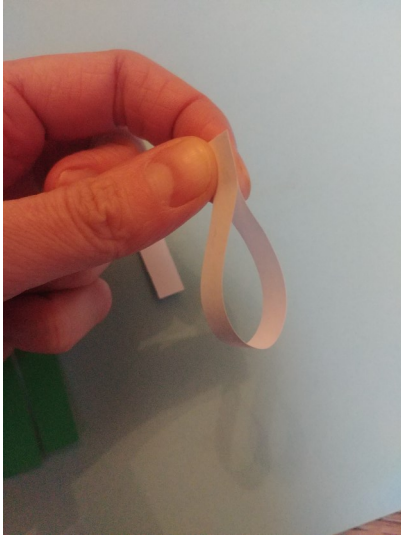
If you do not have green paper you could colour paper with green crayons or felt tip pens.



- Cut strips about 1cm wide from your green and white paper. The white pieces for the petals need to be around 8-9cm long. You will need 3 pieces for each flower head.
- Cut small semi circles from the green paper, about 2.5cm in diameter.
- You can also cut a wider strip of white paper for the ground at the bottom of the card if you would like.



- Cut the ends of the green paper strips into points.
- Stick the green strips to the coloured card or plate using a glue stick.
- Draw the stems of the snowdrops using a pen or crayon.



- Curl the white paper strips and glue the ends together to make a loop.
- Place 3 of these loops together and glue them onto the card at the end of each of the stems you have drawn.



- Glue a green semi circle onto the top of these.

You now have a beautiful snowdrop picture!

See if you can spot any when you go for a walk.
But be careful not to pick snowdrops, or any other flowers you spot— some can be poisonous!

Can you think of any other ways to draw, paint or make snowdrops and other wildflowers using materials you have at home?

To find out more about snowdrops and other wildflowers, visit the Plantlife website:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/snowdrop>

