

WABBIT'S ADVENTURES IN THE GARDEN

The Summer Day - Activities



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Spotting birds



It is a nice activity to watch birds and see how many different kinds of birds you can spot.

A good way to attract birds to the garden is by giving them food in a bird feeder, or shelter in a bird box.

It's fun to go to different places to see the different kinds of birds that live there. You could try going to a park, or the countryside, or even into town.

Perhaps you could keep a diary or make a notebook of when and where you see different birds.

Could you make a notebook for insects too?

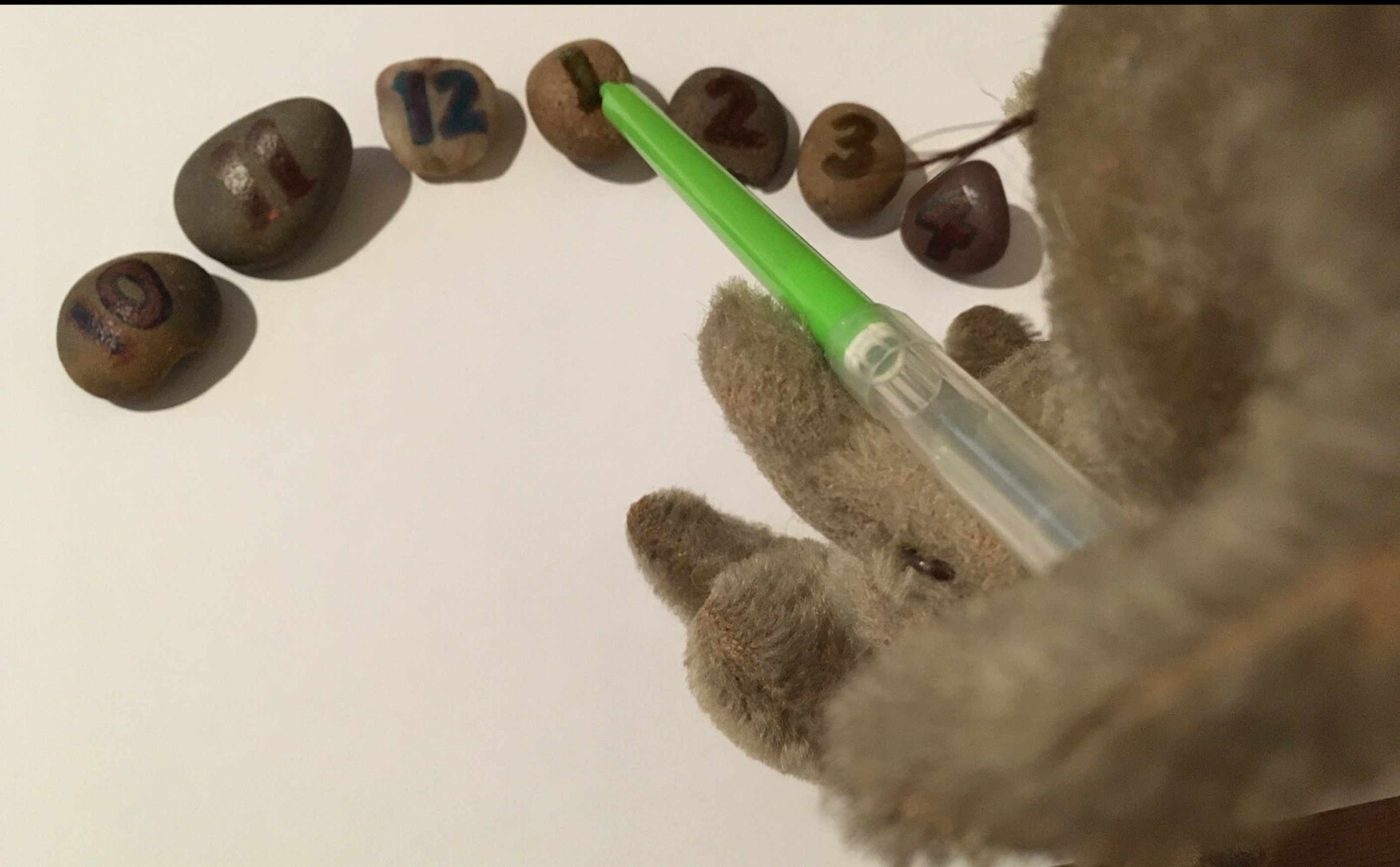


Sometimes it's hard to know exactly what some birds and insects are.

You can use identification books or charts to help you – there are lots of these online.

Or you could take a photo and upload it to iNaturalist, where members of the community will make suggestions for you.

Making a sundial



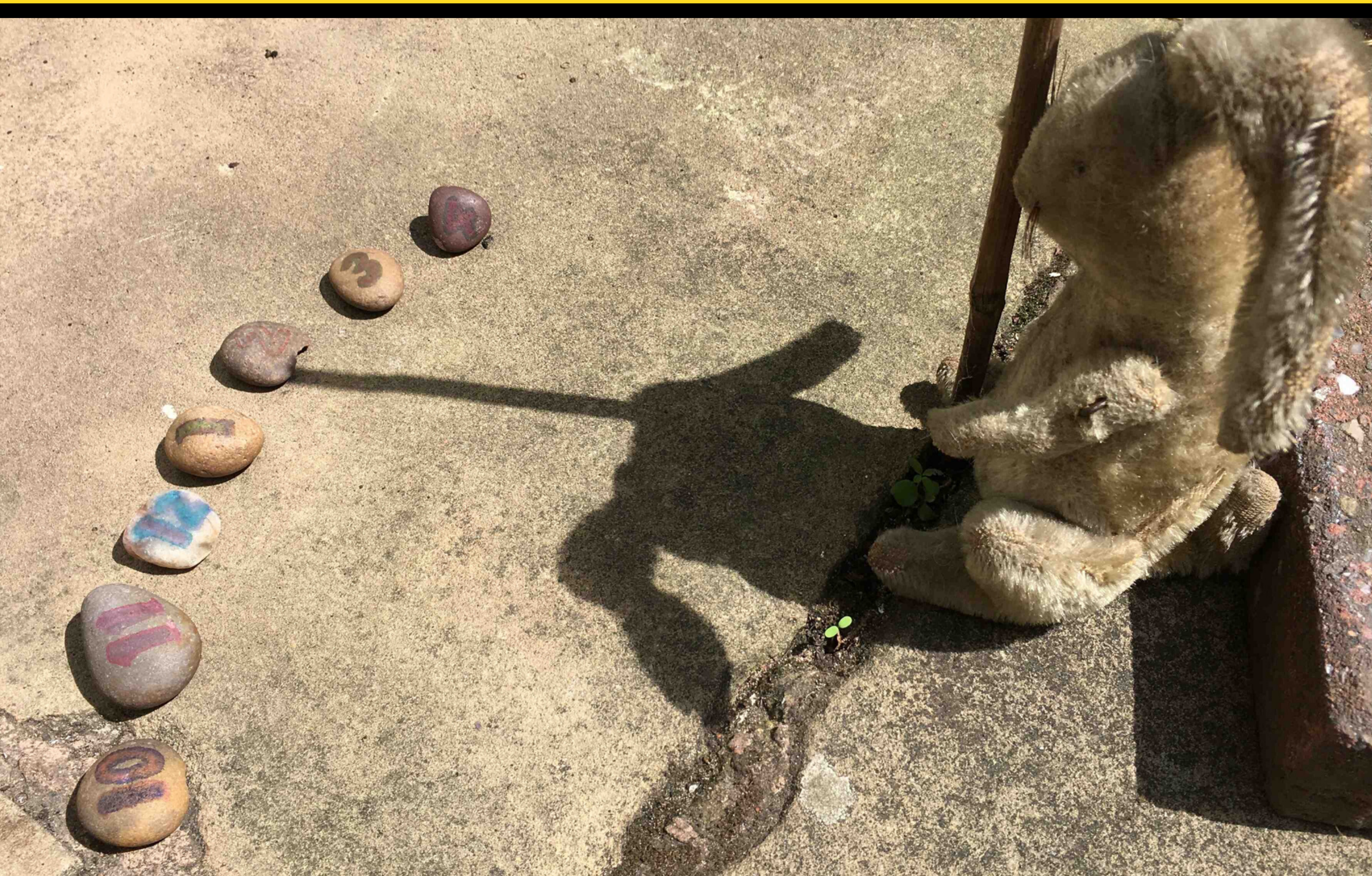
Wabbit liked watching as the sun moved across the sky and he could see that the shadows of trees also moved. So he made a sundial. And you can too!

First of all Wabbit got seven pebbles and decorated them with numbers. He chose the numbers carefully to show the different times of the day. Wabbit started at 10 o'clock, and then 11 and 12, all the way to 4.

12 o'clock is a special time for a sundial because it is the hour when the sun is highest in the sky. In the summer, this happens at 1 o'clock. Do you know why?

Then Wabbit went outside and found a nice sunny spot. I helped him put a stick in the ground in the sunny place (and you may need to get a grown up to help you).

Make sure the stick is very straight. And then you have to place the pebbles in the right place, in the right order, at the right time. So when it's 10 o'clock, place the 10 pebble at the top of the shadow, and the same again at 11 o'clock, 12 o'clock and so on. You could ask a grown up to help set a timer so you know when it's time to place each pebble.



This is Wabbit's sundial on a nice sunny day.

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These activities are an extension of the storybook, and designed to help families think of ways to observe and get curious about how the environment and natural spaces change throughout the day and at different times of year.

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