

LEAF Awareness Survey

Nursery to P2 Awareness survey

The questions in this survey have been adapted from: Salazar, G., Kunkle, K. & Monroe, M. C. (2020) [Practitioner guide to assessing connection to nature](#). Washington, DC: North American Association for Environmental Education.

How to conduct the survey:

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete per child / group of children. You can ask children the questions individually or in a group. Please bear in mind, that if your children are in a group, their answers may be influenced by those around them.

Read the statements out and ask which child your children feel most like and record how many children give each response. You can use two smiley faced puppets as examples to compare the statements to. For example, 'This child (hold up one puppet) likes ice cream, and this child (hold up the other puppet) doesn't like ice cream. Which one is more like you?'

Record how many children give each answer in the table, in the columns next to the statements.

Please note that the aim is not to have all children feeling most like the statements in the left hand column, or to aim for a particular total for either column. Children feel connection to nature in different ways and may relate to some statements, but not others. We hope that by taking part in LEAF, children will feel an increased connection to nature and the number of respondents to the left hand statements will increase over time.

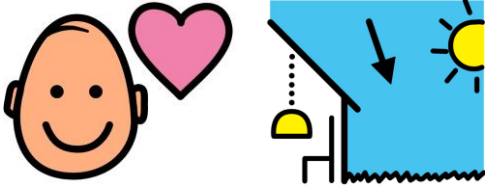
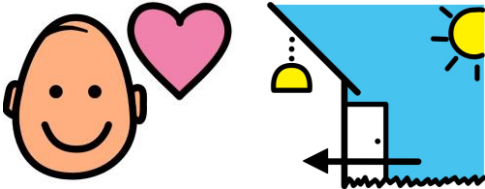
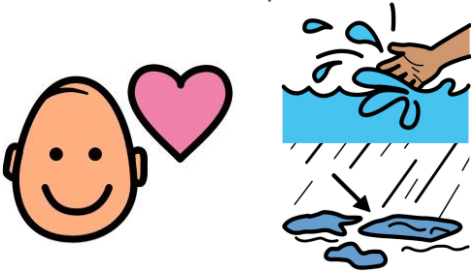
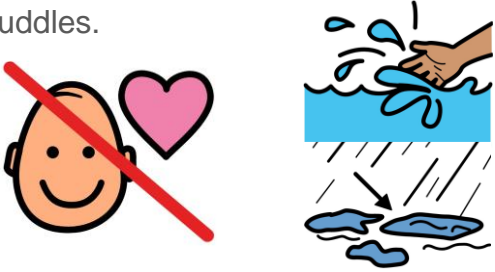
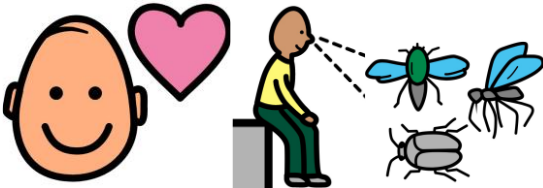
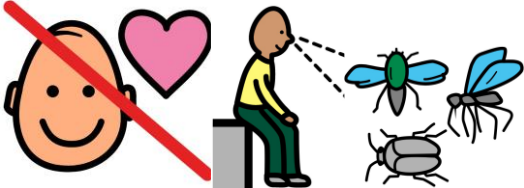
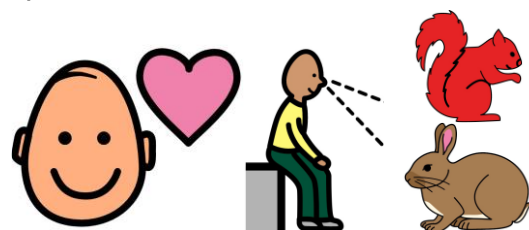
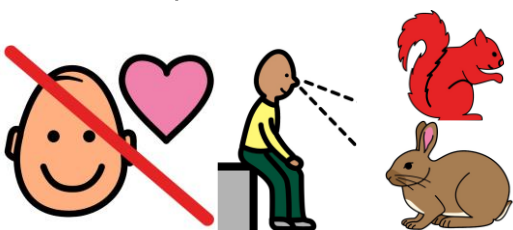


Warm up statements (these can be used as a practice for children, before moving onto the survey statements)

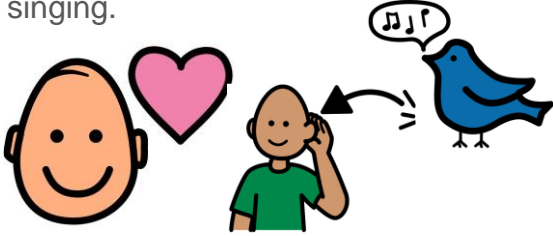
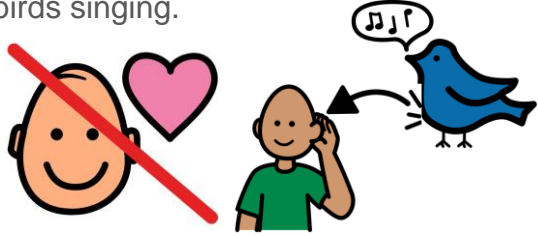
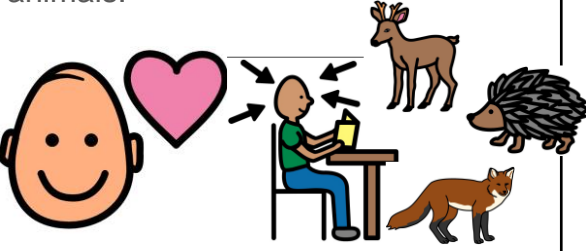
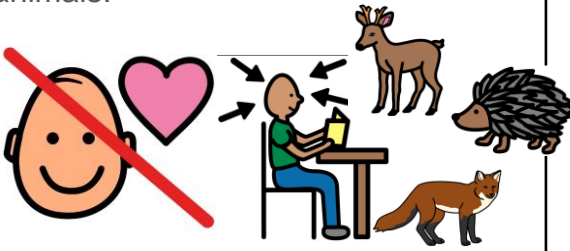
This child likes ice cream This child doesn't like ice cream

Following the survey statements are four open ended questions to enable children to express their thoughts further and to help generate ideas for your Action Plan.

Survey questions can be found on pages 2 and 3

Survey

Statement A	No.	Statement B	No.
<p>This child likes to play outside.</p> 		<p>This child likes to play inside.</p> 	
<p>This child likes to splash in puddles.</p> 		<p>This child does not like to splash in puddles.</p> 	
<p>This child likes to find bugs and look at them.</p> 		<p>This child does not like to find bugs and look at them.</p> 	
<p>This child likes to watch animals like squirrels and rabbits.</p> 		<p>This child does not like to watch animals like squirrels and rabbits.</p> 	
<p>This child likes to play with sticks, leaves, and pinecones.</p> 		<p>This child does not like to play with sticks, leaves, and pinecones.</p> 	

Statement A	No.	Statement B	No.
<p>This child likes to listen to birds singing.</p> 		<p>This child does not like to listen to birds singing.</p> 	
<p>This child likes to learn about wild animals.</p> 		<p>This child is not interested in wild animals.</p> 	

What do you like doing outside?

What do you not like doing outside?

What would make your outside space better for you?

What would make your outside space better for animals and plants?