

## Summer Arts Boredom Busters

# Go Wild!



**Explore the natural world, follow your animal instincts and help the planet!**

As London emerges from lockdown and recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, we're inviting families to celebrate summer and get creative. Our weekly Summer Arts Boredom Busters will help you to keep busy, stay well, and stop your kids bouncing off the walls! This week we invite you to **go wild** and **explore the natural world...**

### About A New Direction

A New Direction is a London-based non-profit, generating opportunities for children and young people to unlock their creativity. We work with partners across education, culture and the creative industries, local government and business, to support children and young people to be creative and experience culture, while identifying areas of inequality and campaigning for policy change.

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## Experience...

Visit the London Zoo without leaving your home! Check in on the animals via live webcams, take a virtual tour, and learn from the zookeepers. Find an animal to match your summer mood – are you a squirrel monkey or a sloth today?

<https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/virtual-london-zoo>

## Try...

The Poetry Society has a menagerie of online resources focused on reading and writing poems. From Alice Oswald to William Wordsworth, poets across the ages have taken inspiration from the natural world. Read some poetry and follow the links to find prompts to pen your own verses!

<https://poetrysociety.org.uk/education/learning-from-home/poetry-and-nature-30-04/>

## Visit...

Make a virtual visit to Manchester Museum and take park in Frog Friday Live. Each week at 1pm the museum shares an online feed live from their vivarium! Look into the frog's habitat and learn from the team who care from them – you can even submit a question in advance. If you miss the live feed, you can also watch back past sessions or check out their Frog Blog

<https://www.mminquarantine.com/resource-for-home-educators-and-fam>

## Make...

Can you turn trash into treasure...? Download the Horniman Museum's online challenges to have a go at making your own Nature Notebook and discover how you can make new things out of repurposed items

<https://www.horniman.ac.uk/plan-your-visit/around-the-horniman/nature-challenge-trash-or-treasure/>

## Watch...

Sit back and let the theatre come to you! Little Angel Theatre has partnered with Director, Designer and Puppeteer Toby Olié to stream his performance of Ross Collins' picture book, What Does an Anteater Eat?! Watch the show live, and then follow the tutorial to make your own puppet

<https://littleangeltheatre.com/online-shows-and-activities/watch/what-does-an-anteater-eat/>

## Go Further...

If you've enjoyed going wild and want to take it further, you can try some of these easy to follow activities:

- Use the Creative Learning Toolkit from The Spark Arts to explore nature, rhythm and recycling:

<https://thesparkarts.co.uk/uploads/the-sparks-creative-learning-toolkit.pdf>

- Sign up to take part in For You, From Me – a free digital summer project from The Yard Theatre

<https://theyardtheatre.co.uk/local/events/for-you-from-me/>

- Take photos from an Animal's Eye View by following the steps our Keeping Creative At Home blog:

<https://www.anewdirection.org.uk/blog/keeping-creative-at-home-lets-take-some-photos>

## Share your creations on social media with the hashtag **#SummerArtsBoredomBusters**

Have you become one with nature and discovered your true animal instincts? After a busy week of boredom busting, be sure to share your work with us by tagging:

 [@A\\_New\\_Direction](https://twitter.com/A_New_Direction)  
 [@anewdirection\\_ldn](https://www.instagram.com/anewdirection_ldn)

We look forward to seeing your brilliant creations!

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