

# Curious Observer Activities for Children

Discovering the world through gentle investigation and wonder  
These activities develop your powers of observation whilst connecting you deeply with the natural world. They work perfectly alongside your growing projects and help you become a true nature detective.



## Window Garden Planning

**Dream Garden Drawing** – Sketch your perfect garden on paper, including every plant you'd love to grow



**Window Space Detective** – Measure your windowsill and work out exactly what could fit where



**Seasonal Garden Map** – Plan what you'll grow in spring, summer, autumn, and winter



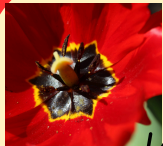
**Plant Wish List** – Research and list all the plants that would thrive in your space

**Garden Design Board** – Create a mood board with colours, textures, and styles you love



**Container Planning** – Draw different pot sizes and plan which plants need which homes

## Plant Photography Adventures



**Macro Mysteries** – Take extreme close-up photos to reveal hidden plant details



**Daily Growth Documentation** – Photograph the same plant every day to capture tiny changes



**Light and Shadow Study** – Capture how light moves across your plants throughout the day



**Colour Collection** – Photograph plants organised by colour families and shades



**Weather Impact Photos** – Document how your plants look before and after rain



**Seasonal Comparison** – Take photos from the same angle across different seasons



**Wildlife Spotting** – Photograph insects, birds, and creatures visiting your plants

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## Nature Memory Challenges

**Window View Investigation** – Study your view for two minutes, then list everything you remember



**Plant Detail Memory** –

Look closely at one plant, close your eyes, and describe every detail



**Changing Seasons Game** – Remember what was different about your view last week, last month



**Spot the Difference** – Notice what's new or changed in your growing space each day

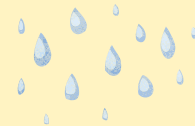


**Colour Memory Test** – Look at a flower garden, then try to recall all the colours you saw

**Texture Memory Collection** – Touch different plant textures, then describe them from memory



**Location Memory Map** – Draw where each plant sits in your space from memory



## Raindrop Racing & Water Wisdom

**Raindrop Racing Commentary** – Watch raindrops race down windows whilst narrating their journey



**Water Cycle Storytelling** – Follow a raindrop's adventure from cloud to sea to sky again

**Speed Analysis** – Time different raindrops and work out what makes some faster



**Rain Pattern Observation** – Notice how rain falls differently in heavy showers vs gentle drizzle



**Wind Effect Study** – Watch how wind changes the direction and speed of raindrops

**Plant Benefit Tracking** – Observe how your plants respond to natural watering



**Window Science** – Investigate why some raindrops stick whilst others slide away

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## Observation Skills Builders

**Five-Minute Focus** – Choose something in nature and observe it intently for five whole minutes



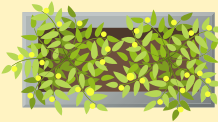
**Detail Detective Work** – List twenty things about one leaf, flower, or plant

**Question Generation** – Look at any plant and write down ten questions it makes you wonder about



**Wonder Moments** – Notice something that makes you say "I wonder why..." and investigate

**Change Tracking** – Keep a daily log of one small change you notice in your growing space



**Different Perspectives** – View your plants from above, below, and sideways - what's different?

**Map** – Draw where each plant sits in your space from memory



## Plant Name Detective

**Botanical Label Mystery** – Research the real names of your houseplants and create beautiful name tags for them



**Origin Investigation** – Discover where in the world each of your plants originally comes from



**Name Story Hunt** – Find out why plants got their common names (like "spider plant" or "money tree")

Solanum  
lycopersicum  
Tomato

**Scientific Name Challenge** – Learn to pronounce the fancy Latin names and understand what they mean



**Plant Passport Project** – Create "passports" for your plants showing their homeland, preferred climate, and journey to your home



**Family Tree Drawing** – Research plant families and see which of your plants are actually relatives