

The Ancient Tree Hunt

KS3 Art and Design

Introduction: ANCIENT TREES

TEACHERS' SHEET

The Woodland Trust:

The Woodland Trust is a charitable organisation established in 1972 to protect our historic woodlands and preserve and maintain the habitat and wildlife at the same time creating paths and walks for the public to use and enjoy.

Recently the Woodland Trust has been actively trying to record and establish an Internet database of our ancient trees, www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk Ancient trees are by definition trees, which have been growing for hundreds and sometimes thousands of years. These trees have been the subject of myths and stories throughout the centuries and are great historic monuments. Britain has more of these trees than anywhere else in Europe.

The Woodland Trust is attempting a massive project to record as many as 100,000 trees by the year 2011. With the help of the public, organisations and schools it is attempting to promote this scheme across the country. Many of the trees still lie undiscovered and awaiting the keen eyes of someone to become recognised.

Participation with schools

Part of this project is to create awareness through the Internet, TV, radio, magazines, press and educational material. As part of this message the Woodland Trust is trying to give children the opportunities to enjoy, create and learn from

this project. Given the right opportunity, instruction and inspiration, young people can become aware of the excitement that nature, creativity, science, maths and other core subjects can offer. The Woodland Trust wishes to help fulfil that inspiration and learning by creating a series of lessons in different subjects which demonstrate the need to protect our valuable heritage of ancient trees. These lessons are designed with the curriculum in mind and are intended to complement and fit in with other material being taught.

The lessons are designed to be taught as short introductions to the Woodland Trust and where possible involve the use of the Ancient Tree Hunt web site where further resources are available such as leaf identification, measuring ancient trees and a mapping system to view trees throughout the country with the opportunity to record new trees in your own district.

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The Art and Design lessons can be used individually or as a set building up to an accumulation of the knowledge gained in earlier lessons. They also cater for children of mixed levels and ages giving teachers opportunities to spend more or less time working with different pupils. There are obvious areas where lessons can also relate with other complementary subjects such as Maths, History and Science. Where possible teachers are encouraged to integrate these other subjects through liaison with head teachers and other policy makers within the school. Opportunities for integration of skills with the Curriculum Cymreig are also shown.



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