

Planning Easter activities

Springtime and Easter offer wonderful opportunities for children to further understand the world and environment in which they live.

You can provide lots of activities that link to religious festivals, growing and planting, life cycles, families and newborns and weather!

Things to consider when planning activities:

- Culture, beliefs and customs of families that use your setting
- Indoor/outdoor environment – you will need space and resources for Easter egg hunts and growing and planting activities. Also consider how to introduce children to the plants, herbs and animals that spring brings us.
- How to adapt the environment to enable children to learn about spring and have access to age-appropriate resources. Consider the role play/imaginative play area, books, small world play resources and IT
- Junk modelling - why not send a message out to parents to ask them to save any boxes and packaging from the Easter eggs to use in your construction area?



A note on Easter egg hunts:

You may be able to approach local businesses for donations of eggs for an Easter egg hunt, or you could create painted eggs for the children to find instead of chocolate ones.

Here's how:

- Make a small hole at both ends of the egg
- Blow through the egg over a bowl to remove the innards
- Paint the egg and varnish it (to make it stronger and weatherproof)
- Get hiding!

Alternatively, children can draw rabbits, eggs, chicks and other baby animals and you can laminate these and hide them.