

Bark art!

Have you ever looked really close at the bark of different trees? Each tree has a different type of bark.

Here are some that you may see in the woodland. Can you find them all?

Ash – pale grey, smooth when young, when it gets older it gets criss cross ridges

Hawthorn – the bark is brown with occasional orange cracks, sometimes green algae may be found along the bark

Hazel – young stems have a bronze colour; older ones are pale brown

Oak – the bark is grey and in older trees fissured

Silver Birch – the bark is usually bright in colour, from red on very young stems and becoming white/silver with age.

Why not do a bark rubbing? Use a wax crayon held sideways with this square of paper. Work slowly and carefully. Compare bark rubbings from different trees.

My bark rubbing!



Have fun in the Forest!