**Troo Peerie Eyes – suggested activities**

Try some of these Art in Nature activities: <https://artfulparent.com/nature-art-for-kids/>

After spending some time outdoors – maybe at the shore, on your daily walk or even in your garden – write down your thoughts and feelings about things in nature that you noticed. You might even want to try to write a little poem or a song about it. <http://happysciencemom.com/nature-poetry/>

Find out the Shetland Names for some of the species you see or find. Make up a list with the English name and the Shetland name. Ask your grandparents and parents for help. We don’t want these words to be lost! <https://www.shetlanddialect.org.uk/weather-seasons-and-nature>

There is lots of music which has been inspired by nature. Listen to *Flight of the Bumblebee*, by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov and think about when Karen was running away from her slightly angry bee ☺ What about Paul McCartney’s Blackbird? There are many more examples. Let us know of any you can think of.

More examples of nature inspired classical music on this website: <https://www.classicalmpr.org/story/2020/04/03/classical-kids-music-lessons-nature-walk>

Listen to the sounds of nature around you and see if you can re-create them. Can you whistle like a blackbird or a lark? What instruments or items you can find around the house can you use to make the noise of a woodpecker or a running burn?

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