

**Walking across the footpath to the local ponds,
I have seen signs of Spring.**

How many have you seen around you and how many do you know?



1. H - - - - -

This spiky tree is coming into leaf. The start of its name is part of the sound made by The Wonky Donkey HEE H—and the end is the name we give to the spikes on the tree branches. (It's also the name of the spikes on roses.)

It is also known as **W** - - - - - , the lack of colour on the flower petals helps us to get this name. Think of Snow W ____ and the Seven Dwarves and then add the spike to the answer.



2. L - - - - -

Looking closer we can see something else growing on this tree. You might **LIKE** to know that the bushy-looking little crusty clusters of bright green are a type of fungus. The last part of its name is the same as the beautiful clucking creatures that lay eggs for us at school. The same creature who does all the work with her chicks in 'The Story of the Little Red ---'.



3. B - - - - -

Looking at the lovely bright flowers on this tree, it's hard to understand why the start of the name is the opposite colour to the one we see there. There is a book and a film about a beautiful horse whose name begins the same way, 'B ---- Beauty'. It is another spiky tree so the last part of its name is the same as for number 1.



4. W - - - - - C - - - - -

There are many varieties of this flexible tree, including Weeping, White, Goat and Pussy. There is a book and a film called, 'The Wind in the W - - - - -'.

I hope this is a Pussy W - - - - - because the start of the second word often comes after pussy. Remember the nursery rhyme, 'Pussy ____, pussy__ where have you been?'

The second part of the word is another name for family with an 's' on the end.



5.M-----M-----

- a) This is the kind of area you find this flower and it gives you the first part of the name. [It is also the name of the family who sang their Corona isolation song to Les Miserables on YouTube.]
- b) The colour of this flower will help you with the last part of the name. You can buy a brand of washing up gloves with the same name and they can sometimes be the same bright colour. The last four letters are the precious metal gift the wise men gave to baby Jesus.



6.B-----

These flowers are beginning to open and we found one of the first. It stands alone now but in a few days there will be hundreds of these flowers making a colourful carpet in the wood. It gets its name from the colour and shape of the flower.



7.V-----

You will not find so many of these tiny flowers in the wood. When I was little, they used to say that some people were, 'as shy as a v-----' but in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', V----- Beaugarde, the gum-eating girl, does not seem at all shy. Very far from it!



8.W___ Anemone

This plant is a member of the buttercup family and has many other names. It gets this one from living in among the trees. It can also be called Windflower, Thimbleweed and Smellfox (its leaves have a musky smell).



9. G _ _ _ _ M _ _ _ _ _

This plant also likes to live in shady places like the edge of woods and hedgerows. Some people call it Jack-of -the-hedgerow. It is just coming into flower in this picture but it is the scent from the leaves that helps you to know it is there. Both parts of its name describes things that can often be found in a kitchen and used for cooking. G _ _ _ _ _ cloves or salt can be added to savoury dishes for flavour and English M _ _ _ _ _ is bright yellow and many people think it goes well with beef. Play Cluedo and you will know the name Colonel (or Jack) M _ _ _ _ _.



10. D _ _ _ _ _ .

Definitely more than one of these! A famous English poet, William Wordsworth, wrote a poem about a whole host of these beautiful, golden flowers dancing in the breeze.



11. D _ _ _ _ _

Another bright, yellow flower that you might know well. The start of the name is a shorter way of saying Daniel and the last part is king of the beasts. You may know the story from the bible about Daniel in the _ _ _ _ _ den. Many of you will know the story of the 'The _ _ _ _ King'.



12, B _ _ _ _ _

a) There are not many of these about yet but in the Summer we will hope to see many different kinds such as Red Admiral, Cabbage White, Peacock and Brimstone. The Brimstone is bright yellow and many believe that this is the reason for the start of the name because the b _ _ _ _ _ we spread on our bread is also golden yellow. The last part of the name comes because it can use its wings to move through the air.

b) S _ _ _ _ T _ _ _ _ _ is the name of this particular insect. Opposite of large will give you the first name. For the second, we can look to the book Esol Trot by Roald Dahl and think about the kind of animal that Mrs Silver kept as a pet. When you have the animal facing the right way you only need to add its hard outer protection.



13. A __

The buds are just opening on this tree so you can't really tell what the leaves will look like. Its name is what is left after a fire.



14. S _____

Do you recognise this creature curled up in its shell? You might hit the _____ on the head with a hammer and get the right answer.



15. B _____ B _____

Can you see an insect hiding in the picture? The children in the F S U will know the name because one of their favourite books last term was, 'Buzz Buzz B _____ Jelly' by Nick Sharratt.



16. S _____

Spring brings these two together to start building a nest for their eggs. Have you heard the story of S _____ Lake where a beautiful princess is turned into a s _____ by an evil sorcerer's curse?



17. **D _ _ _ _** is the name of this pretty flower and also a pretty name often given to a girl. You might put this flower into a chain.



18. **F _ _ _ _ M _ N _ _**

This pretty little flower has a name I hope you will remember. Until we all meet again, I think it will be a reminder of all the people and places we look forward to seeing again soon.