



# NATURE DETECTIVES



## Hello Nature Detectives - are you ready to explore?

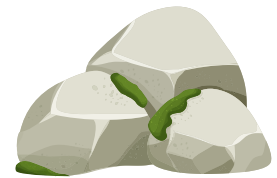
Today, let's discover the season. Remember to look closely with your eyes, listen hard with your ears, and be gentle with your hands. Enjoy!

## Sense-sational Seasons:

**Begin your detective work** by figuring out where your adventure will take you.

Winter and spring are great seasons to **use your sense of touch to explore texture!**

- Find a tree that is close to the path. Is the bark *rough* or *smooth*?
- Find a rock sticking out of the ground. Is it *hard* or *soft*?
- Find moss growing by the path or on rocks. Is it *fuzzy* or *sharp*?
- Find an evergreen leaf on a shrub or tree. Is it *leathery* or *pointy*?



Can you spot any **wildlife or signs of wildlife?**

*In the cooler months, animals do different things. Some animals migrate or move away. Some animals stay put and stay active. Some animals hide away and hibernate at home.*

- Look up into the tree canopy for a large leafy nest that may belong to a squirrel.
- Look down in the mud or snow for animal tracks. Which way did they go?
- Listen for scratching in the fallen leaves - birds may be looking for an invertebrate snack.
- Listen for birds that sing all year long like Carolina wrens or white-throated sparrows.



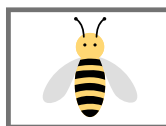
**LOOK** and **LISTEN** for clues that the seasons are changing from winter to spring:



chipmunks



new leaves



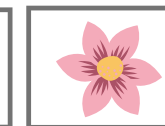
buzzing



spider webs



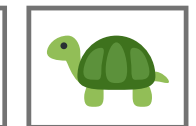
frog calls



flowers



splash!



turtles

? What was your favorite part about discovering the seasons at Jenkins today?

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