

# The Grass Meadow

## General Information

- Equipment**
- Clipboard
  - Pencil
  - Bag
  - Magnifying glass

A meadow is traditionally a field made up of grass and wildflowers which is grown to make hay. It provides a brilliant habitat for birds, mammals and insects and gives colour and scent in the summer months. There are around 900 species of wildflowers in Ireland and hundreds of species of grass including oats (porridge), wheat (bread) and barley (beer). The number and variety of wildflowers is decreasing because of intensive farming and sprays. Meadows are now also less common because of the new farming methods.

## Activity 1



### The Dandelion

The word "dandelion" comes from the French "dent de lion", which means tooth of the lion.

Why is this?

Sketch the leaf

## Activity 2



Take a bag and try to find one of each of the following items. Tick them off when you get them



Litter

Red Clover



White Clover

Wild Rape

Grass

Shamrock

## Activity 3

Throw your hoop on the ground. If the plants are present record it on the grid. Repeat 10 times.

Throw No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Buttercup											/10
Daisy											/10
Plantain											/10
Dandelion											/10
Grass											/10

## Activity 4

Plot a chart in your Maths copy to show how many of each species were found.



Grass

Buttercup

Plantain

Daisy

Dandelion

## Curriculum Links

**Science** Strand; Living things **Geography** Strand; Env. awareness and care **Maths** Strand; Number, Data **English** Strand; Competence and confidence using language (oral language reading, writing)