

THE JOYS OF SPRING

Family Trail



Use this trail to explore the Gallery and discover some of the things we love about spring!

Start in Gallery 1, next to the Sculpture Court on the Ground Floor



A busy time of year

Can you find the Goose Girl and her gaggle?

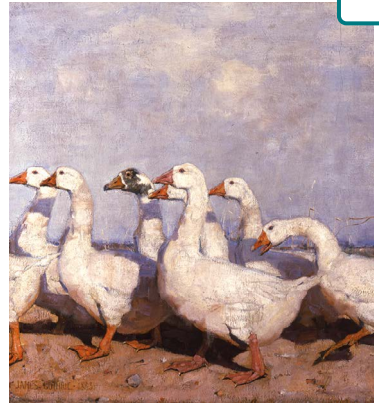
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Spring is a busy time on a farm. It's the season when sheep and cows have their babies, It's also when geese lay their eggs.

Can you waddle and honk like a goose?

Can you think of good names for these geese?



To Pastures New (detail), Sir James Guthrie, 1883

Did you know?

A 'goose' is the name for a female and the male is called a 'gander'. A group of geese on the ground is called a 'gaggle', and a 'flock' when they're flying.

Go back to the Sculpture Court and walk straight ahead to Gallery 6



2

Rich and tasty

Our label is all muddled up.
Cross out what's false and underline what's true.

Find this pot



Chocolate Pot, Adam Graham, c. 1760



I am a **chocolate pot / jug for juice.**

Made from high quality **plastic / silver metal.** Decorated with **flowers, shells and scrolls / tractors, diggers and trains.**

I am **very old / was made a few months ago.**

Do you like chocolate?

250 years ago chocolate would have been a treat for only wealthy people. Now lots of us can enjoy chocolate (but not too much!). A whopping 80 million chocolate eggs are sold in the UK every year!

Walk back to Gallery 4



3

What's the forecast?

Can you solve this riddle to find the mystery object?



I float and swirl high above your head,
My dreamy shapes might remind you of bed,
I'm sometimes stormy, sometimes white
And there when it's grey, or when it's bright!

The weather in spring can be mixed. The end of March is often windy and April is known for sunshine and showers. Spring nights can be frosty and cold. Days can be sunny and warm.



I am a:

Go upstairs to
Level 1, then find
Gallery 14



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Fresh as a daisy

Take a close look at this painting of a flower seller.
Tick the boxes as you complete each task.



*Kitty of Frying Pan Alley (detail),
Sir Oswald Birley, c. 1921*

- Imagine** walking past this girl in the street.
What would you smell, hear and see?
- Spot** the springtime yellow flowers.
What are they called?
- Describe** the girl in this painting.
How old do you think she is? What are her clothes like? Look at the label – what's her name?
- Pretend** to be a flower seller.
What would you say to the people you're with today to get them to buy your flowers?

Go straight on to Gallery 16



5

I spy with my little eye!

As the spring weather warms up, it's good to go outside more.
In the North East, a day trip to the coast is always popular!

Time for a game of I Spy!

Can you find these objects in this painting? Tick them off as you spy them. Beware, some may be a trick!



The Slipway at Peniche, Tristram Hillier, 1948 © The Artist. All Rights Reserved 2019 / Bridgeman Images



Walk around Level 1 to Gallery 10





Calming the senses

Can you find these blossoming apple trees?



Les Pommiers à Damiette, Jean Baptiste Armand Guillaumin, 1893

What would you be doing if you were in this landscape?

- Having a picnic
- Sunbathing, watching the clouds
- Playing hide and seek with friends
- Climbing a tree
- Rolling down the grassy slopes
- Playing a game of rounders



Try this windy tree yoga pose!

Stand on one leg, keeping it straight. Bend your other leg and put the sole of your foot against the inside of your thigh or calf. Try to balance! Can you lift your arms above your head and wave them like tree branches?

Fruit trees like apple and cherry trees have flowers in spring called blossom. The fruit comes later in the year after the flowers.



Well done!

We hope you have enjoyed your springtime walk with us.

