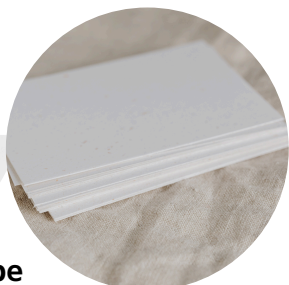


Seeds are incredible things, and quite often their amazing journey and adaptations can be overlooked. Did you know that you're helping dandelion seeds spread when you huff and puff the fluffy 'clock'? They use the wind to carry their seeds using a built-in parachute! Imagine a bramble bush full of juicy blackberries at the end of summer...lots of birds will come and feast on these, and as they fly away, they end up spreading these seeds in their poo, giving the seed a free ride and fertiliser to start its life! A tasty coconut is a giant seed covered in armour that allows it to fall from the tree without breaking. They have a hollow inside to allow them to float many miles on water, until they wash up on a distant coastline, ready to turn into a tree! Do some research and find out the coolest way that a seed can spread, and act it out with your friends.

What you'll need:



Double-sided tape



Scrap paper



Velcro (optional)



Scissors



You and a friend!

How to play 'Sticky Seeds':

Step 1

Scrunch a sheet of paper into a tight ball. This is your seed. Make two if you're also using velcro.

Step 2

Add some double-sided tape to the seed - you can go all the way around, or just use a small amount on one side. If you're also using velcro, cut a piece and attach to the back of one of your second seed.

Step 3

Attach your seeds to your friends! Try their arm, or jacket, or shoe. Ask them to walk, jump, and run. Which material held the seed for the longest? How far did the seed travel?

Step 4

Attach your seeds to different things, like a chair, or a lunchbox and move them around - if you're using a tape seed and velcro seed, compare them!

Tip:

In the wild, 'burrs' from the burdock plant will attach themselves to the fur of dogs, rabbits and other animals. Why not take this activity outside and see how weather affects your sticky seeds? Get creative!

