4. Plant a Tree

Trees are an important part of our world. They provide clean air, food, and shelter for wildlife. They also give us shade on a hot day and can provide food or beautiful flowers for us to look at. The best way to get your own tree sprout to plant is to get online at arbordayfoundation.com and order a sprout that will fit in your yard when it is all grown up! You can also order trees from a local plant nursery. If you want a free tree, you can cut a small willow tree branch off at an angle and put it in a jar off water; soon it will grow roots and can be planted outside! Consider the following things when you are picking out your tree and then head outside and plant it. It is okay if you live somewhere you can't plant a tree! Instead, take some time and draw what you think your favorite tree would look like outside. Will it have a swing in it? Does a squirrel live in it? Use your imagination when planting or drawing your favorite tree!

Activity:

1. How big will it get? If you have a small yard, a giant sycamore tree might not be the right one. Make sure to check how tall and wide the tree will get.

2. Do you want a fruit tree like an apple tree? It is okay to get a messy tree that will drop acorns everywhere? Make sure you know what your tree grows or if it makes a mess!

3. Will my tree spread? Some trees are okay to grow while others, sometimes called 'invasive,' can spread very quickly and outcompete other better trees. Make sure you are not planting an invasive tree.