Week Four

Listening skills

Stop and listen to the birds singing. Try and pick out one bird song from another one. Can you see the bird that is singing? Can you tell whether it is a similar size to a robin, or bigger or smaller? When you get back to a computer look at this site and see if you can find the bird song you heard.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FvJCTKfcp0LFCnDhiM8nMuJ_55TvSYyrz4qSYMOpxpw/edit>

Touch

In the park the new beech tree leaves are unfurling. Reach up and touch the new leaves. They are very soft and delicate with soft hairs along them. Even the new twigs are soft!

As Spring progresses go and touch them again. They will gradually get tougher, developing more waxy layers and thicker cell walls, so they are less easily damaged and don’t dry out. The new soft twigs will become more woody, ‘or lignify’ as it is known scientifically.

If you can't go to the park, other trees also have new delicate leaves coming through, though beech leaves are particularly soft. Check out the new leaves on your nearest tree.