

Ready or Not

Creative activities to help families get ready together for starting school

Sorting Objects

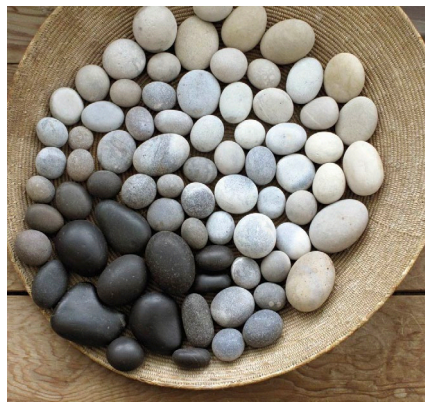
Kettle's Yard was the home of Jim and Helen Ede.

The house is full of artworks and objects that Jim and Helen found beautiful. Jim collected many natural objects such as shells, fossils, feathers and pebbles. Jim loved collecting pebbles on the beach, enjoying their feeling, colour and shape.

Jim displayed his collection of pebbles in different ways, organised by size to create a beautiful spiral pattern and in a gradient of colour.



Jim Ede, Spiral of Stones



Jim Ede, Basket of Pebbles

What might you need to get organised for when you go to school? What objects will you take in your school bag and how can you look after them?

1. Gathering and describing objects

Together, gather a range of small objects from home or outside. You could even do this in the park or at the beach.

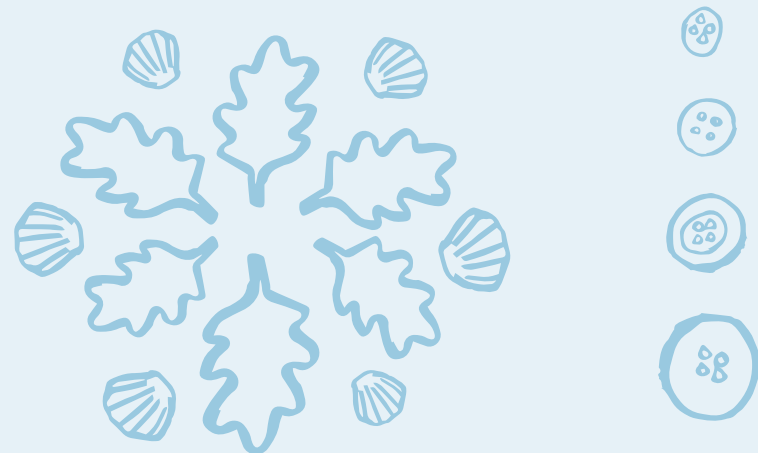
Look at each object and sort them into groups by colour, shape, size or texture.

Describe the objects to each other, using language such as 'the same' and 'different' and measure words such as 'biggest' and 'heaviest'.



2. Sorting objects in a pattern

Arrange them in a special shape, either somewhere at home or in the place you found them outside.



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