

peace pledge union

IMAGINE

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Age group:

Upper KS1

KS2

**Younger children will need support with cutting*

Curriculum links:

English

Art & Design

Design & Technology

PSHE

Key vocabulary/ concepts:

Imagine

Peace

Kind

Equal

Share

Dream

Lesson details:

1-3 sessions (depending on time allocated to exploring vocabulary/ concepts and Art activities)

Small group/ whole class

Tips for teaching vocabulary:

Check that children understand the words in the box above. If not, give them a simple explanation and an example. Encourage them to reflect on their own experiences (e.g. *sharing* a cake).

If you want to help children remember the words you can write them (or draw pictures to represent them) on to cards and play matching, pairs, lotto or guess-the-word/ describing games.

Talking points:

- What birds can you see?
- Are they the same or different?
- Do you like some birds more than others? Which is your favourite? Why?
- The seagulls and hummingbirds are sharing. What do you think the pigeon says to them?
- What happens at the end?

Activities:

- Make a bird paper-chain (see instructions overleaf).
- Make a bird from paper/ card.
- Make an olive branch with a message (see overleaf).

Games:

- Follow the leader (walk like a pigeon, soar like a bird etc).
- Mirrors- copy actions.
- Role-play fighting over fish/ flower- how could you resolve this? Who can be the pigeon?

Follow-up activities:

If you could be this pigeon where would you go? What and who would you visit?

“You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one”... what is your biggest dream for peace? What do you imagine?

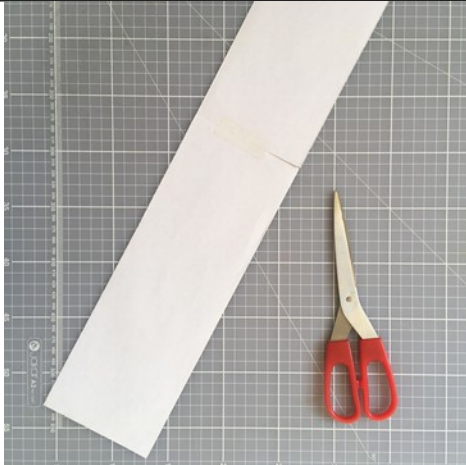
Is there someone you know who you could help or be kind to, just like the pigeon? Encourage children to think broadly about equality in your community.

About Peace Pledge Union:

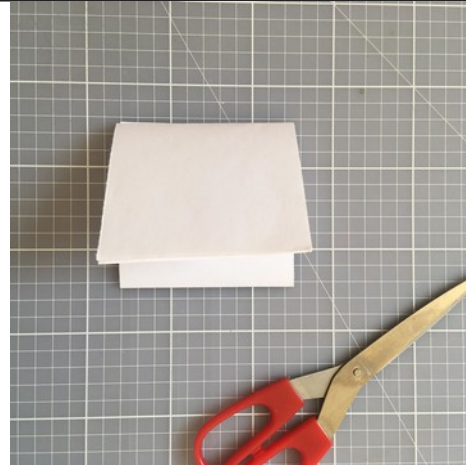
The Peace Pledge Union is the oldest secular pacifist organisation in Britain. Since 1934 it has been campaigning for a warless world.

For more information see: <https://www.ppu.org.uk/>

How to make a bird paper-chain:



1. Cut a long strip of paper (this is a piece of A4 cut in half and stuck together).



2. Fold the paper into squares (with one sheet of A4, this makes 6 squares).



3. Draw the shape of a bird onto your paper (this fits onto 10cmx10cm).



4. Make sure your shape goes over the edge of the left and right side.



5. Carefully cut around your shape.



6. Gently open up the paper...

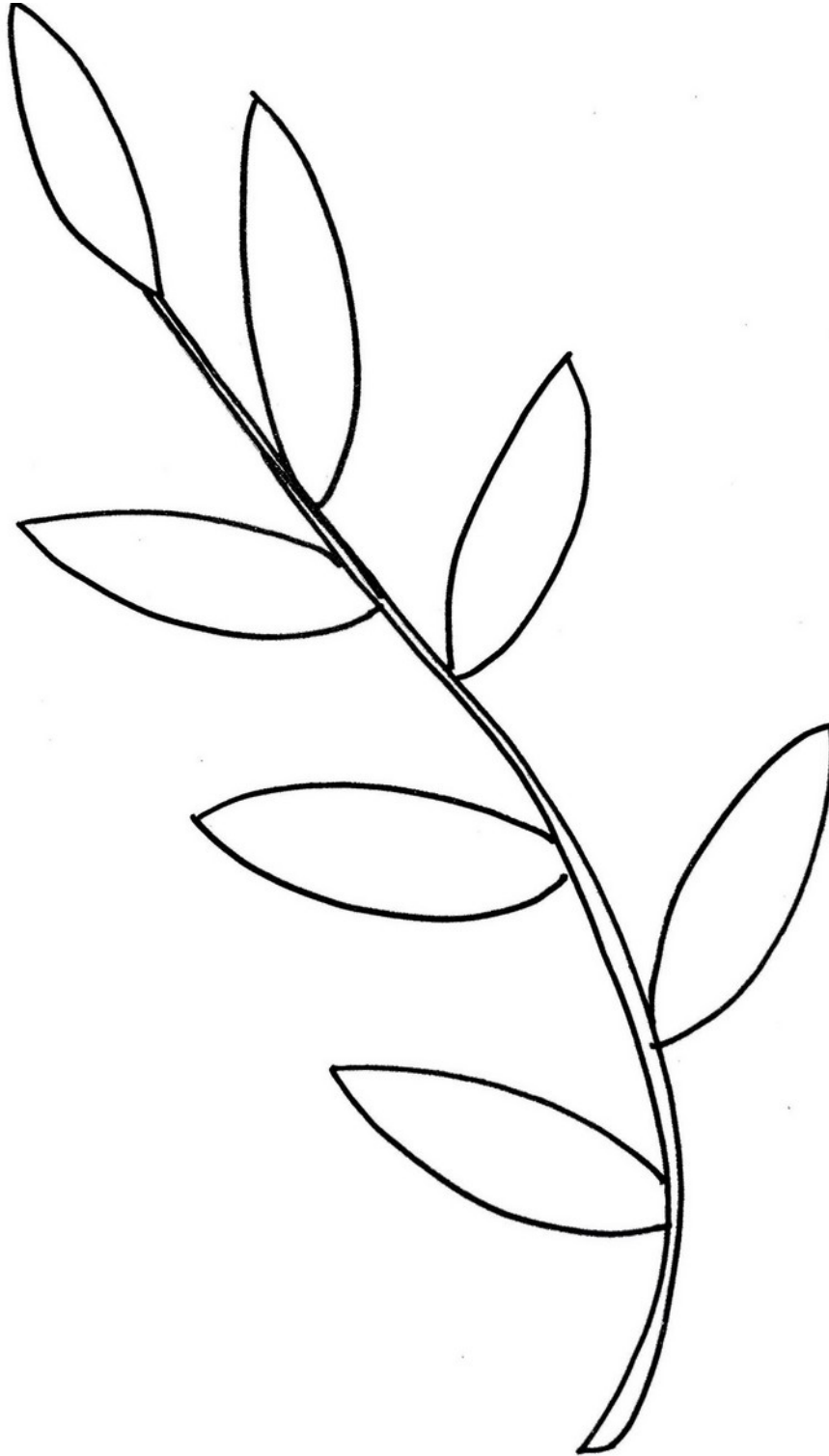


7. ... and stick in your window!



8. You can use newspaper if you want to make a really long chain!

Make an olive branch:



What message do you want to write? A message of peace or a dream you have? Who will you give your olive branch to?