



The aims of these sheets are:

- *to introduce Silva*
- *to stimulate children's interest by presenting them with some fascinating facts about trees and wood*
- *to encourage children to look for objects made of wood in the classroom and at home*
- *to consider alternative materials to wood*



POINTS TO MAKE:

- **wood has been important to us for a very long time**
- **unlike oil-based alternatives (plastic etc.), wood is a renewable resource**



ACTIVITY 1

The children's worksheet suggests that they design a title page for their topic file. Encourage good organisation by the use of a contents page and a glossary of terms.

CONTENTS

No.	TITLE	SCHOOL	HOME	COMPLETED
1.	Title Page - The World of Wood	✓		✓
2.	Contents		✓	✓
3.	Alphabet of Wood			✓

**ACTIVITY 2**

Make a display of wooden objects brought in by the children. Encourage the handling of these objects and discuss why people often prefer wood as a material (colour, grain, smell, texture). Acknowledge cultural diversity by examining objects used in other cultures.



The collection of objects provides an ideal opportunity for close observation drawing or making up a still life composition. Try some charcoal drawings – charcoal comes from trees!

**ACTIVITY 3**

Once the children have researched their own 'fascinating facts' they could make a class book of facts. Information and cartoon styled illustrations can be bound together and displayed in the classroom.

**ACTIVITY 4**

Give the children sets of blank cards and they can devise a question and answer game based on the 'fascinating facts'. This could be developed to involve groups of children designing games with boards, counters, dice etc. They are bound to come up with some inventive suggestions!

**ACTIVITY 5**

Throughout their topic the children will need access to a collection of wood samples to compare different types of wood. They will need to use off-cuts for experiments designed to test the qualities of wood. A local timber merchant, a local furniture maker or joinery company will probably help provide the material. If not write to the Timber Trade Federation, Clareville House, Oxenden Street, London SW1Y 4EL.