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BEFORE YOU PLAY

Print however many cards you need (one per player) on to normal paper, as well as a set of the calling tiles, ideally on to card to ensure they last longer. Then cut the 40 calling tiles into individual squares.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Decide who will be the 'caller' (this could be an adult or an older sibling) and place the tiles in an upside down stack in front of them.
2. Give each player a bingo card and something to mark off the squares – this can be a pen or a stamp. An eco alternative is to use counters, pompoms, pasta shapes or any other little objects so the cards can be used again and again.
3. Each player starts by placing a marker over their 'free' space.
4. The caller picks a tile from their stack and begins calling, e.g. "Pink strawberry," then each player who has that image can cover it on their bingo card using a marker.
5. When a player has every square marked off, they call out "BINGO!" to win.
6. Little ones might like to play a shorter game – once a player has a row of squares marked off horizontally, vertically, or diagonally they call out "BINGO!" to win.

VIRTUAL BINGO

A game of bingo over Zoom or FaceTime is great fun for primary school children and their friends. Email the tile sheets and blank bingo cards to your child's friends before the call, so they can print their own. Once everyone is ready with their cards, play as above – they can play for lines or full cards, or play first to a line then play on for the full card. After a few rounds they will be ready for a post-game chit-chat!

NEED MORE CARDS?

Print out as many blank bingo cards as you need and some extra tile sheets, then cut and stick the spare tiles on to the blank cards to create your own.

WHY PLAY BINGO?

Not only is bingo a fun game for children to play, it's great for improving attention and focus. Our spring themed bingo is also fantastic for learning about the seasons and developing vocabulary and colour recognition.

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