

Family Photography

Tips for photography activities



Photography is a fantastic way to encourage your child to explore their local river environment. Photography is not just about learning to take photographs, it is also about using this technology to investigate the world around you.

A tool for exploring the world

The camera is a wonderful tool which encourages you and your child to look at things differently, and uncover hidden worlds.

Using a camera can be a social, fun, experience that both you and your child can do together. Sharing what you have captured on your camera is a good way to celebrate the world around you and develop your ICT skills.



Accessible for all



You don't need to have an expensive camera to do family photography, Most of us now have access to mobile phones, tablets or inexpensive digital cameras. The basic functions on a camera or camera phone are easy for young children to use.

There are also lots of free photography software and apps available for tablets, mobile phones and home computers, enabling you and your children to edit their photos in amazing ways and pick up new skills.

We hope you enjoy the photography activities we have created. There are also photography opportunities in our other family activities, so explore these to find out more.

A 'top tips' photography checklist has been developed to help you and your family get the most out of your photography activities. We hope you find this helpful.

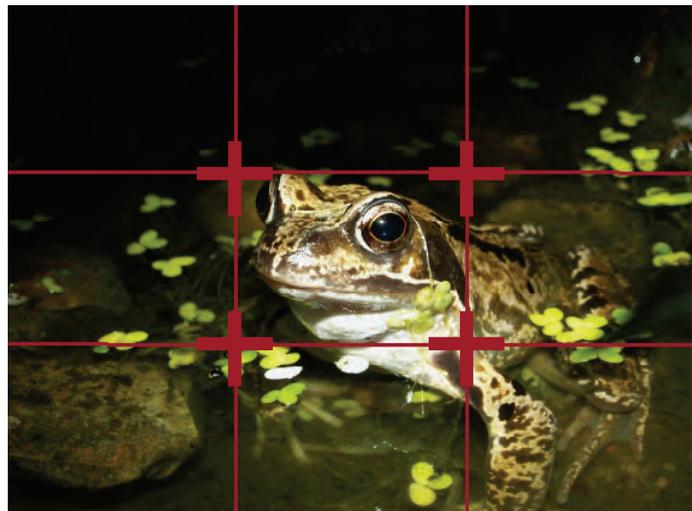


Tips for Photographers

- 1 Experiment. Don't be afraid to try new things!
- 2 Hold the camera straight.
- 3 Get in close. Many camera phones have an option to focus the camera for close-up pictures.
- 4 Take lots of photos. It costs nothing and practice makes perfect!
- 5 Don't just take photos on one subject. Try taking pictures of places, things, people and wildlife.
- 6 Find a point of interest and make that the subject or your photo.
- 7 Use the 'rule of thirds'. This rule states that peoples' eyes are drawn to the area where the lines intersect in a photo. Therefore, position your subject on a line/intersection - like the frog's face here, or, if you are photographing a landscape, then line up the skyline with either horizontal line a) or b). Note, the frog also is only found in the right-hand two-thirds of the photo- makes it a more interesting photograph to look at than if the frog was in the centre!

a)

b)



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- 8 Hold the camera steady so that your photos don't blur.
- 9 Make sure nothing is blocking the lens!
- 10 Where is your subject? Do you need the foreground, the background or the midground to be in focus?
- 11 Focus your camera to get a clear shot of your subject.
- 12 Turn outside into a game! But remember to take only pictures and leave only footprints ...