



# learning at home



## FAMILY DAY APRIL 2020: MAKE YOUR OWN OSTERBAUM



In Germany, they make an Osterbaum, an Easter Tree or an Ostereierbaum, an Easter Egg Tree.

They are usually made by bringing a few young branches of a willow tree inside and then decorating them with painted blown eggs, or decorating trees outdoors as can be seen here.

On Palm Sunday, in northern Europe, Pussy Willow branches are used to replace the Palm branches which are traditionally carried in Easter celebrations.

William Morris was also very creative with Willow and was inspired by the trees he saw whilst he was out on his country walks. In 1887 he designed his famous wallpaper, Willow Bough (picture here on the left).

We've adapted the German tradition of the Osterbaum.

Have fun with your family making and decorating eggs with pattern and colour (we think William Morris would like these).

