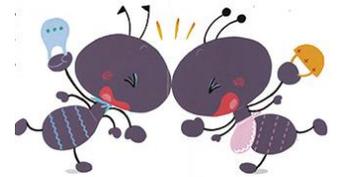


Let's find the sign of Spring in MAY!

♪Otsuikai Arisan (Ants go shopping)



Ants bump each other because they are in hurry
 Ants bump each other
 Go this way they bump! Even go that way they bump!



"Ouch!" "I'm sorry!"
 Then they forget to go shopping.
 Go this way they bump! Even go that way they bump!

 <p>Swan</p>	 <p>Ants</p>	 <p>Toad</p>
 <p>Grub (Larva)</p>	<p>Draw what you found!</p>	 <p>Red Clover</p>
 <p>White Clover</p>	 <p>Ladybug</p>	 <p>Dandelion Fluff</p>

Some of these might be difficult to find, it depend on where you live!

On the next page I've put what Himawari kids have already found.

Spring, Spring, Spring!



Swan

One of the Himawari kids saw swans guarding their eggs. I am guessing that they're in the pond by the movie theater near the WB bus stop. I hope we can see the babies swimming soon.



Horsetail

It is hard to find in the US but Yoshiko sensei picked them and we ate them together last year. Maybe our Himawari friends in Japan can find now and eat some? Horsetails are my favorite wild Spring taste.

Grub (Larva)

One of the Himawari kids saw a grub, too. Have you ever seen these white bugs? Maybe these will turn into a drone beetle, scarab beetle, stag beetle, or another kind? If you find, please put them back in the dirt so they can grow.



White clover, Red clover, Dandelion fluff and the flowers of wild strawberries

You can find easily at the Himawari playground soon!
Can you find them around your house?



Tadpole

I really want to show the kids even only by pictures, but I caught 3 tadpoles! All are different sizes, so I am wondering if they might become to different frogs! I also found a Spring Peeper frog which peeps in Spring. They're common in the US. Can you see the "X" on his back?

(Tadpole picture by Mitsuyo sensei)



Crayfish

Ted sensei tried to catch a tadpole, but he got a little crayfish like the picture!! I am taking care of him, so I hope I can show the kids sometime soon!



Toad

Toads live in woods, not in the water. They don't hop, but just move slowly and wait until the bugs come and catch them with a long tongue. It might be hard to find them because the toads move a lot at night and hide under rocks or dead trees during the day.

(Picture by Mitsuyo sensei)

