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SILVER BIRCH (*Betula pendula*)

ALL ABOUT THE SILVER BIRCH

- Silver birch trees have triangular green leaves, which turn bright yellow in the autumn before falling off during winter. New leaves grow in spring.
- The silver birch got its name from the colour of the bark, which is a silvery white colour, although it turns darker at the base of the trunk as it gets older.
- Silver birch trees grow catkins - these are small strings of flowers that grow from the branches before the leaves appear, although they don't look much like flowers!

HOW BIG IS IT?

The silver birch can grow up to 30 metres tall and is usually between 3 to 4 metres wide.

WHAT SORT OF LEAVES DOES IT HAVE?

Draw a leaf from this tree here, or why not collect one and stick it here instead?

WHY NOT COLOUR ME IN?

AMAZING FACT

This is another tree used to ward off bad spirits in olden times - bunches of birch twigs were strapped together and made into a broom to sweep out bad spirits.

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