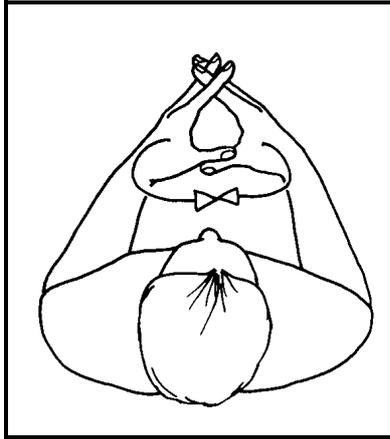


# June: Summer begins

## NEST



Open hands (pointing forwards/in), fingers interlaced, separate and bend back from wrists until heels of hands touch, changing to cupped open hands.

## BIRD



Working pinched hand (palm forward, pointing up) by side of mouth, opens and closes like a bird's beak.

## TO FLY



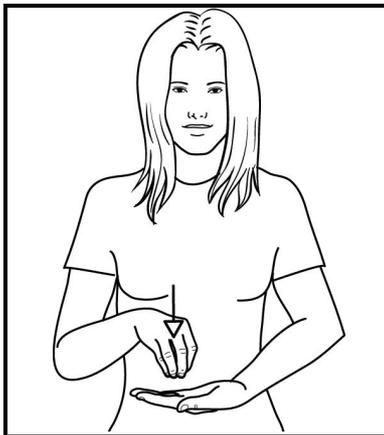
Flat hands (palms forward/down, pointing forward/up) thumbs hooked together, working hand on top; move forward/up and flap like wings.

## BLOSSOM



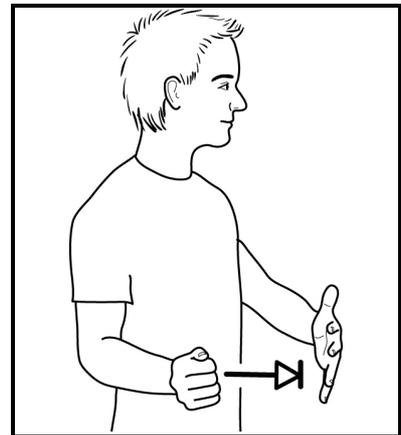
Elbow of working open hand (palm forward, pointing up) rests on back of supporting hand (palm down, pointing in); working hand quivers; then working hand moves around to below nose changing to bunched hand (palm back, pointing up) and opens slightly and closes.

## TO PLANT



Working bunched hand (palm back, pointing down) makes a short downward movement to supporting flat hand (palm up, pointing in).  
*May be repeated to show row of planting.*

## TENNIS



Working closed hand (palm forward, pointing out) moves sharply forwards towards supporting open hand (palm back, pointing in).



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# Summer begins.....

In spite of the appalling weather summer has actually started! June is the time when the preparations of Spring burst out into a magical sensory experience. This gives the opportunity to talk about new life, with young birds fledging and leaving the nest, to smell the blossoms and to plant some vegetables to grow your own. You can also catch up with some sport – Wimbledon starts at the end of June!

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