

Nursery Activity Ideas

<p>Pollinators</p> <p>Ask your child to find out what a “pollinator” is and then see if they can spot any, either in your garden or when you are outdoors.</p> <p>Perhaps your child might like to make a graph from the numbers you spot and/or draw pictures of the different species.</p>	<p>Build A Nest Challenge</p> <p>Spring is the time when many birds are building their nests.</p> <p>Can your child find out what types of materials they use and then go out and find items in order to build their own miniature nest?</p> <p>As birds only use their beaks can your child attempt to build their nest using a clothes peg to replicate a beak?</p>	<p>Planting</p> <p>This is also a good time to be growing things and any kind of seed could be used. Cress, Sunflowers, and Nasturtiums are all really easy to grow and are available to purchase in most supermarkets. Alternatively try planting an apple or orange pip.</p> <p>Your child could draw pictures to illustrate the growth cycle.</p> <p>See planting instructions below.</p>
<p>Go on a minibeast hunt</p> <p>The warmer weather will encourage lots of minibeasts to be out and about. So why not get your child out in the fresh air and take a closer look at your garden or local outdoor space?</p> <p>Can you find...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a worm a bumblebee looking for nectar a spotty ladybird exploring the grass a slimy snail in a dark damp spot a butterfly basking in the sunshine? 	<p>Numeracy</p> <p>When you are out on your daily walk ask your child to spot and identify any numbers that they can see and/or collect a selection of natural materials e.g. beech nuts, sticks, pine cones, feathers, stones etc and ask your child to sort and count them.</p> <p>Alternatively, use items in the home e.g. cutlery, cups, buttons, coins, toys etc. You or your child could write numbers on separate pieces of paper and then you could ask your child if they can count out enough items to match the numbers shown.</p>	<p>Teddy Bears Picnic</p> <p>Enjoy a picnic either in your garden or house. Your child could design invitations, make sandwiches, bake cakes or biscuits, cut up pieces of fruit etc.</p> <p>Perhaps get dressed up for the occasion, find a picnic blanket and put out the correct number of cups, plates, and cutlery for the number of guests.</p> <p>Why not think of some party games to play and read a “bear” related story.</p> <p>Once the picnic is finished your child could then be given a basin of warm soapy water to wash the dishes in.</p>

PLANTING

Any container will do providing it has holes in the bottom for drainage e.g. recycle yoghurt pots, toilet rolls (fold bottom in), fruit trays etc. Empty egg shells can be nice for cress as your child can draw a face on the shell and the cress will look like hair.

Fill container with peat free compost or soil from your garden

Plant the seed(s)

Water

Leave on a window ledge to germinate. Remind your child to water it when the compost becomes dry.