



Craft Activity

Theme: Nature Play

Intro: Nature play is a fun way to foster children's physical, cognitive and emotional development. Children can learn vital skills such as creativity, problem solving, reasoning, socialising and risk management. Learn more about Nature Play at Playgroup today.

Craft activity: Binoculars

Children will need: 2 cardboard tubes, glue, string, sticky tape, animal/camo print wrap or assorted coloured paper/stickers.

Instructions:

Glue 1 piece of animal print wrap to each cardboard tube. Use glue and sticky tape to stick the tubes together. Tape the string to either side of the tubes. Keep an eye out for animals visiting your Playgroup! Younger children may need some help from a parent/carer to cut and paste the wrap onto the cardboard.

Extension ideas:

Add coloured cellophane at one end of the binoculars for children to see their environment in a different colour.

Fact: Trees can live for thousands of years.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with & contribute to their world.



Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Nature tray

You will need: Shallow tray, pine cones, bark, leaves, flowers, sticks, large gum nuts, wood rounds or any other natural items, magnifying glasses, plastic bugs.

Instructions:

Place nature items in tray.

Magnifying glasses will encourage children to explore the properties of each item. You may like to hide some plastic bugs in the tray for children to find.



Outside activity: Bird watching.

Nature hunt using the binoculars.

Group time ideas:

Ask the children:

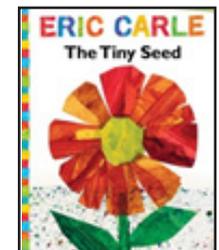
- What they saw through their binoculars?
- What textures did the children feel in the Nature tray?
- What is their favourite thing to do outside?
- Where the can children use their binoculars?

Book Suggestions:

We're Going on a Nature Hunt by Steve Metzger

Bugs Galore by Peter Stein

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle





Autumn Leaves are A-Falling

Autumn leaves are a-falling;
Red and yellow and brown;
Autumn leaves are a-falling,
See them fluttering down.
Tra, la, la, la, la, la, la,
Tra, la, la, la, la, la,
Autumn leaves are a-falling,
See them fluttering down.
(Arms and hands above head, moving
around as if they were fluttering leaves.)

Autumn leaves from the treetops
Flutter down to the ground,
When the wind blows his trumpet,
See them whirling around.
Tra, la, la, la, la, la, la,
Tra, la, la, la, la, la, la,

The Ants Go Marching

The ants go marching one by one
The little one stops to suck his thumb
And they all go marching
Down, to the ground
Boom, Boom, Boom

The ants go marching two by two . . . Hoorah, hoorah
The ants go marching two by two . . . Hoorah, hoorah
The ants go marching two by two
The little one stops to tie his shoe
And they all go marching
Down, to the ground
Boom, Boom, Boom

The ants go marching three by three . . . Hoorah, hoorah
The ants go marching three by three . . . Hoorah, hoorah
The ants go marching three by three
The little one stops cause he skinned his knee
And they all go marching
Down, to the ground
Boom, Boom, Boom

The ants go marching four by four . . . Hoorah, hoorah
The ants go marching four by four . . . Hoorah, hoorah
The ants go marching four by four
The little one stops to shut the door
And they all go marching
Down to the ground
Boom Boom Boom



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