

Forest School Learning for Week Commencing 20th April 2020 – 1st May 2020

Nature Scavenger Hunt Try and find things in the garden or on your walk that are: fuzzy, straight, round, smooth, rough, shiny, dull, pointy, prickly, old, new, chewed, beautiful, rocky, woody, bendy, solid, weak, strong or unusual. 	Art with Nature Spend some time looking around outside - sit and draw what you can see outside but instead of using your colour pencils or felt tip pens use grass, flowers, leaves and mud. Twist and bend your grass or leaf and rub it on your paper and watch the colours appear. 	Bird Feeder Platform You will need lolly pop sticks or sticks from the garden of the same size, string and plastic if you feel it is needed. You'll need a piece of plastic or a plastic lid and put a hole (ask for help if needed) into each corner and tie a piece of string so you can hang it up. Stick your sticks to the plastic so the birds have something from nature to perch on while eating from your platform. 
Stick Family Collect a selection of different size sticks and find some string or elastic bands. Tie the smaller sticks to the main stick body and the legs then try and make some clothes for your new stick family. You could use leaves, blades of grass or scraps of fabric to make some bright summer clothes. 	Wildlife Music Make yourself a rock band or pop group and turn your garden into a musical venue. Use stones to start the beat, find a pot and fill it with pebbles and shake it like maracas. Perhaps you could use buckets as drums and find some sticks to beat them with. What is the most interesting or unusual instrument you can make? 	Bird Watch Once you have made your feeding platform, count how many different birds visit your garden over a 1-hour time period. You may like to create a tally chart, or bar graph. You could count the number and the type of bird. Here is a link to a chart you could use if you wish to: https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/kids--schools/big-schools-birdwatch-downloads/ages-11-14--counting-chart.pdf
Outdoor Sketching You may have been going on lovely long walks during the day and have a favourite spot on the walk or perhaps there is a view you can see from your house. Why don't you sketch it? you can use colour or just shade with your pencil. 	Outdoor Reading Nature has a very relaxing effect on us. With the sun shining down and a cool breeze blowing through the leaves why not enjoy the quietness of your garden and get yourself lost in the pages of a good book? Let it transport you to new world, or read a book that will teach you something you are interested in. Take some pillows a blanket, water bottle and a snack and enjoy yourself.	Bug Hotel Can you build a big hotel? Bugs like to hide amongst leaf litter, under stones, between sticks and inside sticks. You could use a plant pot or make a container of your own! Make sure you add enough leaves, grass, twigs and larger sticks to make a variety of bugs as happy as can be! 