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Build, Create, Explore, Move, Play!

Learning can take place anywhere rain or shine!

If you have enjoyed your Enchanted Woods session at Rosliston Forestry Centre today, here are some ideas for more outdoor fun.

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- Go on a nature walk. You can download spotter sheets for different times of the year at <http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/>. You can even create your own.
- Take some blankets outside for story time.
- On a snowy day look for tracks in the snow and observe beautiful frosted spiders webs.
- On a rainy day put on wellington boots, jump in puddles and negotiate mud.
- Save big cardboard boxes (or collect them from the supermarket). On a dry day create outdoor dens. Dress in old clothes and use child friendly paints to decorate the dens.
- Use coloured chalks to make outside drawings. Mark off an area of the playground or back yard that the children can use and don't forget to take a photo of the artwork before it rains!
- Make kites ready for flying on a breezy day.
- Take some bubble mixture outside and try and catch the bubbles!
- Invite wild friends into you garden or school grounds.
 - Put food and water out for the birds
Keep pairs of binoculars by the window to help identify who is popping by for lunch!
 - Make minibeast hotels. Create a cool, damp, safe area for minibeasts by piling up branches, stones and any other bits of scrap pipes or broken bricks available. Choose a shady area where the minibeasts will be undisturbed.
Check who's staying at the hotel every now and then. Use magnifying glasses and pictures to work out the names of the species eg woodlouse, slug, spider. Draw pictures of the creatures you find.
 - Plant flowers that will attract bees and butterflies
Do the bees have a favourite colour flower? Do bees and butterflies like the same flowers?



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