

Forest School Home Learning Ideas

Colour sorting and matching, building stick towers, making faces and animals from playdough (easy recipe to make at the end) and natural objects, bark rubbing...



tree bark
rubbings



SALT FREE DOUGH
Nature Portraits

Learning and Exploring Through Play





Collect items to make a picture frame, a magic wand or a game





Try scavenger hunts in the garden or on a visit to the park. If possible encourage your child to read the words/symbols.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

- Something fuzzy
- Something straight
- Something round
- Something smooth
- Something rough
- Two different types of leaves
- Something that makes noise
- Something you think is beautiful
- A pine cone



 Touch 
NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT



wet
cold
light
silky
spiky
rough
soft
fuzzy
wooden
loose



dry
warm
heavy
prickly
squishy
smooth
hard
bumpy
metal
sharp



Listen



birds chirping



wind



leaves crunching



mud squelching



sticks banging



ice



cracking



smell

+

and



feel



bark



lavender



soil



leaves



ice



rain water

Sight:

- What colours do you see?
- Can you see any animals?
- Can you find any animal tracks? See if your children can guess which animal made the track.
- Roll over a log and what do you see? Such a great way to find lots of wiggly friends.
- How many different shaped leaves can you find?

Touch

- Climb a tree or rock. How do the rocks or bark feel against your hand?
- Touch the bark on different trees and compare how they feel. Are some more smooth than others?
- Find at least 2 types of leaves and compare how they feel. Are they prickly or soft?
- Find a pine cone and roll it in your hand. Is it prickly?

Sound:

- How many different types of bird song can you hear?
- What other animals do you hear?
- What do you hear when you walk? Do you hear leaves crunching or rocks grinding?
- Do you hear the leaves rustling or trees creaking in the wind?
- What other sounds can you hear?



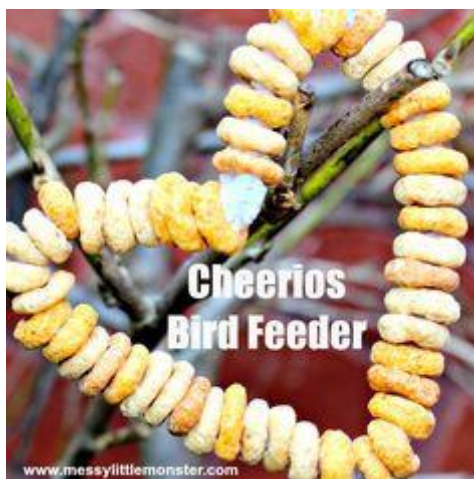
Smell:

- Crush leaves in your hand to see if they smell. Do pine needles smell different than broad leaves?
- Can you find any flowers? What do they smell like?
- Does it smell different outside than in your home?
- Enjoy the feel of the sun on your face and the wind in your hair.

Make Bird Feeders to hang in the garden or on a balcony...



Cover a cardboard tube in butter or peanut butter and roll in seeds or use a stale piece of bread



Thread Cheerio's on a stick, pipe cleaner or wire or use an old egg box

HOMEMADE PLAY DOUGH

Ingredients

2 cups flour
1 cup of salt
1 cup of water

Directions

Mix all ingredients together to make the dough.

Add natural dyes + scents. Set aside.

Store it in an airtight container for about a week.

