

3 Creative Projects



Art and Craft Activities

After getting a group involved with a pond dip or minibeast hunt there is much stimulation for art projects of many kinds. Why not try one of the following ideas, and either use the results to decorate your classroom or the children's own homes, or send a few to the Rangers to show how they enjoyed the day!

Collage making

Can be done using natural materials collected during a previous session, or from more classroom materials.

Art outdoors

Using flat area outside to create their very own masterpieces in the style of Andy Goldsworthy's work.

Model making

Can be done on a number of scales, from the one huge model right down to individual dragonfly models.

Making plaster casts

Can be done using materials collected, or from tracks found on a trip (it will need to be allowed time to dry).

Nesting, feeding and hibernation facilities

Building nest boxes can provide a good opportunity to support learning about life cycles and the needs of different creatures. Currently, we have plans to make:

Bird boxes

- Robin
- Blue tit
- Great tit
- Nuthatch
- Treecreeper

Other wildlife facilities

- House martin/swallow nests
- Bat boxes
- Insect hibernation hotels
- Hedgehog hibernation boxes
- Newt hibernation dens
- Bird scrap feeders
- Bird seed pudding holders

Design your own animals

This is a brilliant activity for looking at creatures in their own habitats. Working in small groups they design an imaginary creature which would best fit a range of chosen circumstances. They have to make decisions about movement, finding and eating food. The group then needs to explain to everyone else what their creature is called and its special features, and either draw or make a model of their creature.

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English Inspiration

Why not use the outdoors as a source of inspiration for stories and poems?

Get your group to design a leaflet for a place you have visited.

Take a bag full of things you find during a visit back to school to stimulate them.

There are many stories about minibeasts and plants now; these would work well to introduce the topic, or to finish off when you get back to school.



The Oak

*Please tell me
How can it be
That a big oak tree
As tall as a house, can
Grow out of an acorn
Smaller than a mouse?*

Rachel Lewis, Age 7