Outdoor activities

*You may like to try some of these during the summer holidays*

I spy scavenger hunt

Rainbow scavenger hunt

Alphabetical treasure hunt

Magic wands

Leaf necklaces

Maths trail cards e.g. find 6 stones

Mini beast homes

Tree / leaf tally chart

Mini beast and location chart

Move like a minibeast

Outside obstacle course

Make numbers or letters out of natural objects

Snail art based on Matisse ‘The Snail’

Make a boat or raft out of natural materials.

Nature fortune teller.

Tiny treasure hunt

Stick activities – what could your stick be e.g. a magic wand, a pair of antlers, a stick man.

Natural games – collect sticks, stones etc. what game could you make up for one person to play. Write instructions and share ideas.

Natural potions – collect plants etc. and put in water to make a potion.

Stone stack competition – collect stones – who can build the tallest tower?

Make a leaf picture frame- cut a card border and decorate it with leaves etc.

Lay a stick trail.

Find shapes and faces in clouds – lay on back and look up (not on sunny day!)

**Games**:

Cross the swamp- decide what can be used as stepping stones – how can you cross from one side of the swamp to the other maintaining social distance?

Place swap- sit in a circle and give everyone the name of an animal, bird or tree. Call out 2 names and they have to swap places BUT mustn’t come within 2 meters of each other.

Cool pool game: decide on some actions to represent pond dwelling creatures (or other animals). Choose actions appropriate to space!

Stand in a space. Leader shouts out the names of creatures and children must perform the action.

After a few actions those who make a mistake are out.

e.g. *pond skater - on hands and feet with bottom up in the air.*

*Whirligig beetle – spin round and round*

*Frog- bent down and jumping*

*Snail or flatworm – sliding along ground.*

Useful websites:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/nature-detectives/>

<https://www.holthall.org.uk/resources/primary/>

Resources



