

Outdoor Learning-Step into Spring!

<p>Collection Game</p> <p>What you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collection of natural items (e.g. leaves, feathers, twigs, stones) • collection bags or boxes <p>Ask your child to choose 8-12 natural items from the collection. Next, sort the items into different criteria's e.g. soft/hard items etc. Then, ask your child to try and guess how they have been sorted. Swap roles and take it in turns to be the sorter and the guesser.</p> <p>Challenge: Can you design your own collection game? Write the things that you will need and how to play it.</p>	<p>Can you find...</p> <p>What you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety of natural and manmade items <p>Ask your child to find the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A green object • A beautiful object • A straight object • A fluffy object • A round object • A yellow object • A smooth object • A rough object <p>Challenge: Can you find something that is not on the list and say what kind of object it is?</p>	<p>What am I?</p> <p>What you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection bags • Outdoor area with natural items scattered around e.g. leaf, feather, twig etc. <p>First you need to collect some natural items. The more items, the more challenging the activity should be. Without your child seeing, scatter the items round your garden/outdoor area. Ask your child to collect all the scattered objects from the outdoor area and put their items into the middle of a circle. Allow a family member to choose an item (without touching or naming it) and describe it. Who can guess which item is being described first? Then swap over. You could keep a tally of which family member is the first person to guess the item correctly over a number of games. Maybe there could be a prize for the winner?</p> <p>Challenge: Can you up level your adjectives? E.g. instead of saying rough, you could say jagged.</p>
<p>Leaf baskets</p> <p>What you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quantity of leaves • Plastic bowl • Glue • Petroleum jelly (Vaseline) <p>Cover the bowl with a thin coat of petroleum jelly, this will prevent the leaves from sticking to it. Make a layer of leaves inside the bowl and cover with glue, as you would with papier-mâché. Add a number of layers and leave the basket to dry. When the leaves are completely dry, carefully remove them from the bowl.</p> <p>Challenge: Can you add in other natural items?</p>	<p>What plant am I?</p> <p>What you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box or a bag • Natural items <p>Have a selection of 5-10 items in front of you and your child. (You could use items that you have already collected.) Ask your child to choose one of the natural items without naming or touching it. Take it in turns to ask a question about the items. The child/person who has chosen the item can only answer yes or no. Who can be the first person to guess the chosen item? Remember to take turns.</p> <p>Challenge: Can you correctly guess the chosen item in 5 or less questions?</p>	<p>Nature Art</p> <p>What you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blindfolds • Collection bags • Variety of natural items <p>Add 8-12 natural items to a bag making sure you don't show these items to anyone. Next blindfold your child and ask them to choose an item from the bag. They have to first of all describe the item, then name it. Can they guess correctly on their first attempt? To make it more challenging you could break the items into different sized pieces.</p> <p>Challenge: Can you make a game similar to this? It could include manmade items.</p>