

Forest School Easter Activities

Below are a few activities for you to try in your garden this Easter. You should be able to do them using a few easy to find household items and resources in your garden. If you do any of these activities, please share them with us via the school website. Have fun in the outdoors.

Best wishes, Tean Taylor

Mini bug houses

Create a simple mini beast house using an empty toilet roll, or a plastic bottle with the ends cut off.

Look around your garden for some sticks to fill it with. Then attach some string and either tie it to your fence or hang it in a tree.

Keep a lookout to see who moves in to your house over the coming weeks.



Spring Hunt

Go out into your garden and look for signs of spring.

How many can you spot?

Make a picture about spring based on things you find. Use petals, grass, sticks and other natural resources to create a Spring collage.



Weave a bird's nest

Many birds are nesting at this time of year; you may have seen some flying around with twigs in their beaks making nests.

To make a nest, you need some bendy twigs, some string, some leaves and grass. If you find some feathers lying around you can use these too.

Cross six long twigs over each other to make a star shape, tie them with string. Then weave the other long soft twigs over and under the frame in a circle, pushing them down to the centre. Continue to do this until you have a few layers, then bend the frame up to make a bowl or nest shape. Fill in any gaps with leaves and feathers or other natural items.

Make a baby bird to go in your nest.

You can make a bird from a stick, tie on some leaves for feathers, and draw on a beak and eyes. If you have clay or pipe cleaners you could make a bird from this too.

If you don't want to make a bird, you could make an egg from a painted stone.

Other activities to try:

- 1. Nature hunt; find 5 things taller than you, 5 yellow things, etc.
- 2. Go on a bear hunt: hide teddies in the garden for your child to find.
- 3. Make a daisy chain.
- 4. Make mud monsters, and stick them onto trees.