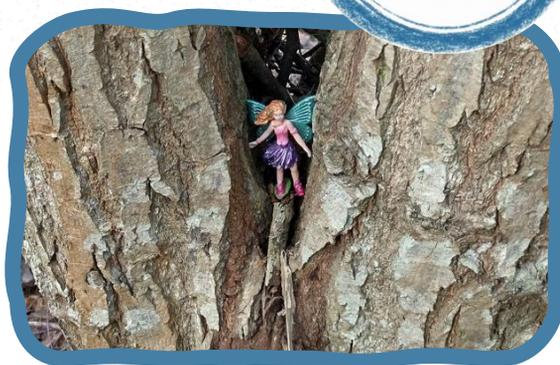


Fairy Gardens

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NATURE
PLAY

Overview

An open ended outdoor activity focused on creating an elf and fairy garden, supporting imagination, creativity and the use of natural loose materials.



Activities

- Have fun in a natural space or use natural materials in a bike tyre, a stick frame, hula hoop or plant pot.
- Experiment with materials like sand, soil, grass, bark, gravel, water and moss.
- Re purpose unused planters for a more permanent play feature.
- Include hardy plants like willow.
- Use natural materials to create characters, e.g. stick people and pebble bugs.

Equipment

- A variety of natural materials.
 - Small world figures.
- A bike tyre, sticks to create a frame, a hoola hoop or a variety of containers – if no natural space.

Key Questions

- How big is the puddle? Can we make it bigger or smaller?
- What happens when we drop something into the puddle?
- Why is the puddle here after rain?
- Where does the water go?

Learning Outcomes

Maths – explore size, scale, counting games, heavy, light, big and small.

Language – storytelling, sensory stimulation – soft, spiky, smooth, sticky....

Expressive arts and creativity using seasonal materials and fine motor skills.

Progression in Learning

- What do fairies need to live – food, water, shelter. Relate this to real life
- Extending storytelling and imagination – a day in the life of a fairy.
- Creating homes for animals, insects and birds in the outdoor space.