

Nest Building

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PLAY

Overview

A creative activity exploring how birds build their nests. Use this opportunity to consider these amazing outdoor structures and their design and construction.



Activity

- Whether big or small, and built in a tree or on the ground, all nests have the same components – well camouflaged, strong and sturdy and soft inside.
- Look around the outdoor space - where is the best place to create your nest?
- Use the gathered materials to build – remember it needs to stay together in the wind and the rain and be soft inside to hold the eggs and protect the chicks.

Equipment

- A range of natural materials such as sticks, moss, feathers, leaves, mud, moss, wool and grass.

Key Questions

Which materials are best for creating the different parts of the nest and why.

Why do most birds build their nests in trees or bushes?

Learning Outcomes

Literacy / Language – discussion, reasoning, empathy with the natural world.

Maths – use of mathematical language, scale, shape, pattern, problem solving.

Progression in Learning

- Work with the children to identify ways to make the outdoor space more bird friendly.
- Focus on lifecycles, including erecting a bird box with camera outdoors.