

Overview

Playing in all types of weather supports children's understanding of the natural world and builds resilience in different climates. A force of nature, the wind has many wonderful learning opportunities.

Activities

- Streamers: Gather a variety of different materials for the children to run with in the wind.
- Wind chimes/ Noisy kites: Have a selection of noisy items, to hang together in the wind
- Feel the wind on your face
- Chase bubbles in the wind
- Listen to the wind move in the trees and bushes.
- Spin like a leaf in the wind, run in the wind and feel it on your face.
- Make a wind sock

The Benefits

Active Play – understanding weather, understanding what wind is

Physical and Sensory Exploration – learn how to be safe in windy weather

Communication Skills Development – learning language to describe the wind and its'

Progression in Learning

Encourage the children to make the noises they can hear in the wind: 'ssshhhh' or 'wooooo'.

Read books with wind as a feature – We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Stuck, After the Storm, The Wind Blew.



Equipment

- Range of ribbons
- Items which will make noise when knocked together: spoons, wood cookies, sticks,
- Bubbles and wands

Key Interactions

Encourage the children to use their senses to explore, modelling this.

Model the language to describe the wind: blustery, swishing, gusts, blowing.