

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.
- Repurpose 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

- Which areas would the fairies like to live in?
- Why have you chosen this area?
- What the most important things they need in their gardens ?

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.