Create a Critter

Overview

In this activity, children create their own mud critters inspired by the outdoor spaces around them. By choosing where their critter might live and what it might need, children begin to explore the idea that animals have special features to help them survive.



Activities

Invite children to explore the outdoor area and choose a place for their critter to live, such as under a bush, beside a wall or near a tree. Children use mud or clay to create a small critter, adding natural materials like sticks, leaves, stones or bark. Adults support children to think about their critter by asking simple questions about how it eats, where it hides, and how it stays safe. Children are encouraged to give their critter a name and talk about why it looks the way it does.

Equipment

- Mud mixed with water or clay
- Natural loose parts (sticks, leaves, stones, bark)
- Bowls or trays
- A variety of outdoor spaces to explore.

Key Questions

Where does my critter live?
What does my critter eat?
How does my critter stay safe?
What special features does my critter have to survive?
What's my critter's name?

Pop a photo of your critter here