Fairy Dens

Overview

Fairy dens are a resource-free activity that encourage imagination and close-up exploration of nature. Children use natural materials to create tiny spaces for storytelling and play.



Activities

Share a short story for inspiration, such as 'The Leaf Thief', then invite children to collect twigs, leaves, bark, stones, and grass from the ground.
Children build small fairy dens, sharing ideas as they play. To celebrate take a gentle walk around the space to visit each fairy den and listen to the stories behind them. Materials are then returned to the ground.

Key Points

- Resource-free and low cost.
- Encourages imagination and storytelling.
- Uses natural materials already found.
- Builds care and respect for the environment.

Books to Start the Session Off

- 'The Leaf Thief': Encourages noticing nature, seasons, and small creatures.
- 'Fairy Houses': Inspires gentle, nature-respecting fairy homes.
- 'The Stick Man': Supports storytelling using sticks and natural materials.
- 'The Gruffalo': Sparks imagination about who might live in woodlands.
- 'Not a Stick': Perfect for imaginative play using simple natural items.