Sensory Scavenger Hunt

Overview

A practical, outdoor scavenger hunt activity that will encourage exploration and discovery, as well as supporting the development of a wider vocabulary.



Activities

- Choose an outdoor area where a wide range of natural items can be collected.
- Provide small groups of children with an egg box.
- Challenge them to find six natural materials that all feel different and place one in each compartment.
- Bring the children back together to share their findings and their sensory descriptions.
- Repeat in different seasons.

Equipment

- A natural space
- Egg boxes
- A tarpaulin, or similar, to gather on as a group and explore the gathered materials.

Additional Information

As a group, identify in advance anything that can't be collected e.g. fungi. Consider other ways to gather and present items e.g. string on a stick, pressing into clay, small plant pots, card with double sided tape.

Learning Outcomes

- Literacy / Language – describing words, presentation skills.
- Maths – size, shape, pattern, symmetry.
- Art – use of natural materials to create transient, outdoor artwork.

Progression in Learning

- Challenge the children to find items of the same colour, number or size.
- Storytelling – use the gathered items to make up a story.