What Are They Saying?

Overview

Do trees talk to each other?
How do the clouds watch us as the drift by? What are those ants talking about as they go about their work?



Activities

Go on a slow walk around your outdoor space together.
Pause to look carefully at trees, flowers, clouds, insects, sticks, puddles or leaves. Invite the children to imagine what they might be saying to each other the problems they're solving or the jokes they tell.
Encourage funny voices, made-up language, storytelling and imaginative conversations.
Adults can model ideas too;
"Maybe the ants are planning an adventure?"
"What would the world look like when you are so small?"

Equipment

- Outdoor space
- Curiosity and imagination
- Your voices.

Key Questions

What might the trees be talking about?
Do the clouds talk about which way to go across the sky?
How would the wind sound if it could speak?

Learning Outcomes

Children are encouraged to observe the natural world closely, share ideas and develop confidence in using descriptive language, different voices and imagination. This supports imagination, communication and language development, storytelling, creativity and self expression.

Progression in Learning

- Begin to create simple imaginative ideas and stories.
- Develop longer conversations and storytelling sequences.
- Use descriptive language and different voices or characters.
- Build confidence sharing ideas with others.