Windy Weather

Overview

Playing in all types of weather supports children's understanding of the natural world and builds resilience in different climates. A force of nature, the wind has many wonderful learning opportunities.



Activities

- Streamers: gather a variety of different materials for the
- children to run with in the wind.
- Wind chimes/ noisy kites: have a selection of noisy items to hang together in the wind.
- Feel the wind on your face
- Chase bubbles in the wind.
- Listen to the wind move in the trees and bushes.
- Spin like a leaf in the wind, run in the wind and feel it on your face.
- Make a wind sock.

Equipment

- Range of ribbons.
- Items which will make noise when knocked together: spoons, wood cookies, sticks.
- Bubbles and wands.

Key Interactions

Encourage the children to use their senses to explore, modelling this.
Model the language to describe the wind: blustery, swishing, gusts, blowing.

The Benefits

Active Play – understanding weather, understanding what wind is.
Physical and Sensory Exploration – learn how to be safe in windy weather. Communication Skills Development – learning language to describe the wind and its characteristics

Progression in Learning

Encourage the children to make the noises they can hear in the wind: 'ssshhhhh' or 'wooooo'.
Read books with wind as a feature – 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Stuck, After the Storm, The Wind Blew.'