

Environmental Learning 22nd June

Nest Building

What do you need?

- A range of natural materials for example sticks, moss, feathers, mud, leaves, wool and grass.
- Remember, birds collect small, delicate items to protect their eggs in the nest. So choose small sticks and leaves.

Activity

- All nests must have the same basic components:
Well camouflaged in case of predators, strong and sturdy to withstand the weather, soft inside to protect eggs and young.
- Gather together a range of natural materials.
- Identify the best place to build your nest. Will your nest be safe from potential predators? Create the nest thinking about location, shape and construction How can you make sure your nest can withstand the wind and rain?



Challenge!

Try building a nest with one handed - birds only have their beaks and feet!

"Poetree"



What You'll Need:

- A tree or an area with lots of trees
- A pencil or pen
- Paper
- Your senses.

Activity:

- Choose a tree and use your senses to explore it, starting with your eyes, then your hands. Next, smell the tree and listen to it. Do not taste the tree!
- Collect a leaf from the tree and think about the shape, size, patterns and colours on the leaf. Write words to describe it.
- Look at your tree from difference positions such as lying on the ground, sitting with your back to the trunk
- Write a poem about your tree.

You could even create a rap about your tree or ask family and friends to write a line to describe the tree. You can then put all your ideas together and create a family poem describing your tree.

World Rainforest Day 22nd June

Rainforests are an important ecosystem which we need to protect in order to keep the Earth healthy as possible. You can help to protect the Rainforests by learning more about them!

- The Amazon Rainforest is one of the most amazing places in the world, with over 10% of the world's known species living there, some of them are deadly!
- Some plants and animals can only be found in the Amazon Rainforest. They are extinct everywhere else in the world, therefore, it is important we protect their habitat.
- The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) have a wonderful website and link to learning more about rainforests, including the Amazon Rainforest.
- Included on their website, are lots of things you can do at home, which will help to protect rainforests all over the world. See how many amazing facts you can learn about Rainforests!

[The Amazon Rainforest](#)

