

Fairy Gardens

Magical fun in miniature form.....

Early Years

Play
Based
Learning



What do you need?

- A variety of natural materials, outside space and small world figures
- Examples might include small stones and pebbles, grass, sticks, moss, feathers, leaves...whatever you can find!

Activity

Find a small outdoor space, gather some materials and let your imagination wander.....

Have fun in natural space, but you could also create a mini world in a bike tyre, a hula hoop or in a container such as a plant pot or a plastic tub.

Experiment with different materials – sand, soil, grass, bark chippings, pea gravel, mud, water.

Repurpose raised planters for play and include hardy plants such as willow or bamboo or evergreen shrubs.

Use natural materials to create characters, for example stick people and pebble bugs.

Make use of elastic bands and string as an extension activity and to help develop fine motor skills.

General Learning Outcomes

Engage with maths through exploration of size, scale and playing counting games. Which materials are heavy, and which are light? Which are big and which are small?

Develop language skills through storytelling and the sensory experience of materials – sticky, smooth, soft, smelly, spiky.....

Encourage artistic expression, imagination and creativity using different materials in different locations and in different weather conditions.

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