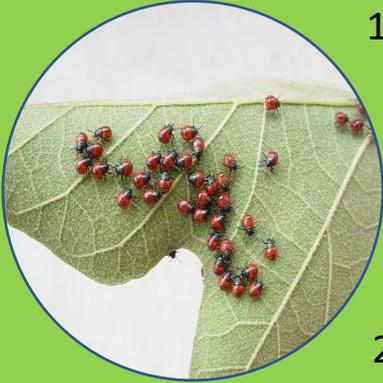




Nature Play in your Garden

Have you spent much time in your garden lately? We have put together some fun filled activities that can be done in your garden at home. Do one or do them all!



1. Put your scientist hat on and record as many insects as you can find, whether they fly, crawl, hop or slide. You could even take photos of them, identify them and create a report!

2. Sit outside and draw a picture of everything you can see!

3. Stand outside, close your eye and count as many things as you can hear. You could make a tally of them and categorise them eg. Bird sounds, cars, people's voices...and so on.



4. Find some binoculars and do some birdwatching in your garden. If you don't have binoculars, you could make some from some empty toilet rolls!



5. Find some seeds (tomatoes, apples, citrus fruits have them) and plant them in an empty cardboard egg container. If you don't have any soil or compost to cover them with, try coffee grounds for the tomato seeds. They love the acidity!

6. Go on a hunt for fallen leaves, seeds, fruits, feathers and twigs on the ground. Make your own creature from these items and write a story about your creature's adventures!

7. If you have some clay, collect some items from your garden (twigs, leaves, fruits, etc) and make your own magical elf to display in your garden!

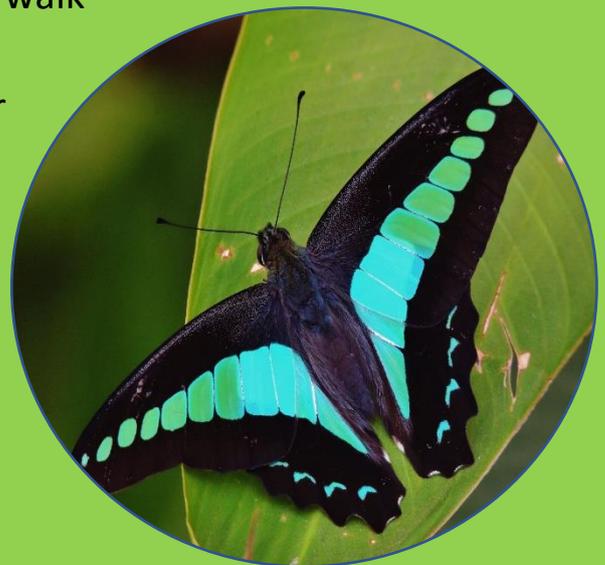


8. Put on your detective hat and go on a hunt for mini beasts in your garden! Use our activity sheet to see if these live in your garden!

9. Get some paper and pencils and draw a treasure map and go on a hunt for some treasure! Your treasure can be some things

that you find in your garden – a bird feather, a pretty looking flower or leaf on a plant, a favourite outdoor toy.

10. If you have a torch, go for a walk outside at night and go for a spotlight! Not sure how? Find our handy tips on our Spotlighting Activity Sheet.



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