

Outdoor Learning Experience (6 years old)

Learning Experience: Let's Build An Insect	Shared by: Nor Jehan Mohamed Salleh
Environment: Outdoor area (garden area and void deck area)	Estimated time: 60 minutes
Children's prior knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are familiar with attributes of insects. 	
What children will experience (NEL Learning Areas): Aesthetics & Creative expression: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will observe a picture of an insect and create a 3-dimensional representation with natural items. Social & Emotional Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will work cooperatively together in a group. 	Suitable for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 years old
What you will need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pictures of insects (fly, bee, ant, butterfly, snail) Natural items that are picked up from the garden Containers Paper and writing materials Drawing papers Bottles of white glue 	Benefit-Risk Assessment: <u>Benefit:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will walk in the garden and pick up 4-5 items such as twigs rocks, leaves, etc. Children will be able to represent an insect in a creative way by using natural resources. <u>Risk:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low risk. Children may pick up items of different sizes. If they are too large, it might affect safety. <u>Management:</u>

- Scan the venue to ensure it is free from potential hazards such as sharp objects, pot holes, broken tiles or insects
- Set limits/boundary for children to explore
- Ensure teachers have sight of the children at all times
- Brief children on the possible risks, such as looking out for any potential litter from the high rise buildings

How to make it happen:

Explore-Garden Area

1. Bring children to the garden.
2. Brief children on the rules.
3. Ask children to identify a few insects that are found in the garden.
4. Group children into groups of 3.
5. Invite one representative from each group to pick a picture of an insect. Brief children that they will be creating the picture of an insect by using natural items found in the garden.
6. Encourage children to discuss in their groups what materials they may need. They then move on to find the required items.
7. Ask children:
 - What items have you picked from the garden?

Void Deck Area

1. After finding the resources, get children to discuss together in their groups on how to create the insect.
2. Distribute drawing papers. Encourage children to create an insect with the items on top of their papers.
3. Get children to refer to the picture of the insect.
4. While children are working in their groups, teacher walks around to facilitate the groups.
5. Ask the following questions:
 - What materials are you using to create the insect?
 - Can you tell me about what you have done?
6. Invite groups to take turns to present their insects. Ask;
 - Can you describe the insect you have created?

- How is it similar to the picture of the insect?
 - How different is the insect from the picture?
 - What is the difficult part of this activity?
 - How do you feel about working in a group with your friends?
 - Encourage children to ask questions about their friends' insects.
7. Display the 3D insect artwork in the classroom.