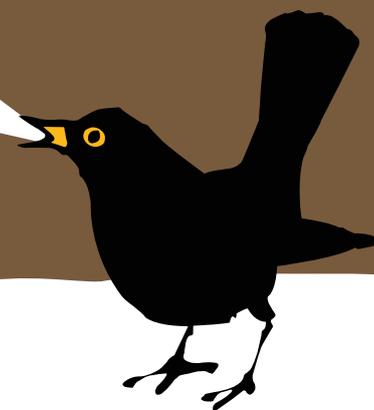


EVERYBODY OUTDOORS

BROWN RESOURCE



SMELL AND TEXTURE

This activity enables students to experience the outdoors and natural environment inside and out and can change throughout the seasons. It allows an introduction to hedgehog conservation and gardening for wildlife.

WHAT YOU NEED

- 3 x Cardboard boxes to create a hedgehog box with a hole cut out to allow hand access without a visual of the contents.
- 3 different natural resources to go inside the boxes for example straw, pinecones, lambswool, wood chip, twigs, moss.
- Ahead of the session identifying textures in your outside space for example tree bark, leaves with different texture and edges, textured walls and smooth surfaces, grasses.

NB be aware of toxic plant species on your particular site and ensure students are not able to pop things into their mouths unnoticed (such as yew or holly berries)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Hedgehog boxes



Create three hedgehog boxes as directed above, filling each with different natural resources. Students can explore the contents, ideally over a number of sessions to develop confidence. Individual preferences to be noted.

Texture exploration



Take your students on journeys in your outside spaces exploring the textures you have identified. These journeys can include opportunities for smelling in addition to touch. Students can record textures through differentiated activities eg. through touch, with rubbings, descriptive writing or by using photographs.

Non-verbal students may be able to choose between diagrammatic responses to show preference to a texture (smiley face, unhappy face).

Students can experience the world from the perspective of the hedgehog by moving themselves closer to the ground.