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ACTIVITY

Sensory Scavenger Hunt

Pupils can explore their local environment to find natural items which relate to their senses.

Estimated time: 30 minutes

Location: Outdoors

School term: All year round

Level of experience: No experience needed

Subject(s): Geography, Social Studies

Learning objectives

- ✓ Investigate the local environment to find natural items
- ✓ Use senses and collect a range of materials

Step by step

- 1** Ask the group to think of the 5 senses we can use to explore the world around us – touch, hearing, sight, taste and smell.
- 2** Hand out collecting bags or egg boxes and ask the group to explore the garden, collecting pieces of plants and natural materials using their 5 senses. Show an example collection box to give them the idea.
- 3** Ask the children not to taste anything without asking an adult.
- 4** Gather together at the end and share what you have found.
- 5** Pass round your objects and ask the group to guess what sense it stimulates most and what word best describes the object.



Preparation

It is good idea to remind children not to taste or eat plants unless told to by an adult.

Equipment needed

- Collecting bags or egg boxes

Hints & tips

- 💡 Buy cheap supermarket herbs as a source of scented plants if your school garden is lacking
- 💡 Plant seedlings out in the garden or containers after this activity has finished
- 💡 Use this activity as part of **Sensory Sensations** class growing topic