

Outdoor Learning Planning

Tasks in Green are taken from our 50 Things...	Autumn 1 Our Garden		Autumn 2 Fire		Suggested Independent Activities Some of these areas will be set up as part of the Wildlife Garden provision and some activities can be added to the session if suitable to year group/session.
	Helen	Class T	Helen	Class T	
Nursery	Focus: Leaves - Garden rules - Woodland walk - Colours and shapes - Introduce some names of leaves - Match some leaves	- Leaf rubbings Autumn leaf face - We're going on a Bear Hunt - Teddy Assault course	Focus: Fire (Wild Passport) - Fire safety Collect sticks for a fire Sit around an open fire safely	Leaf crowns - Autumn leaf wands - Make fire pictures using natural paint brushes	- Water Play area - Mud Kitchen - Mud alphabet / numbers Make a mud ball Mud Monsters Bug hunts - Spotter cards - Number Pebbles - Mud painting Scavenger hunts linked to seasonal changes - Shadow drawings Obstacle courses - Clay snails - Colour hunts in nature - Observational drawings - Landscape art - Nature treasure hunts - Taking photographs Den building area - Land Art - Fairy Gardens and small world Splashing in puddles - Wooden disc weaving - Large frame weaving - Wooden boxes – Garden treasure
Reception	Focus: Trees - Garden rules - Woodland walk - Colours / shapes / sizes Introduce some names of trees e.g. identify a Holly tree - Scavenger hunt	Bark rubbings - Leaf paintings - Tree stump painting - Musical twig instruments	Focus: Fire (Wild Passport) - Fire safety Cook marshmallows on a stick Build a fire - Sing campfire songs	- Make fire pictures using natural paint brushes - Fairy fires - Diwali floor art	
Year 1	Focus: Senses in Nature - Garden rules Garden Sound Walk Identify a tree from its leaves	- Clay leaf / flower prints - Sensory walk - Tree and leaf spotting	Focus: Fire (Wild Passport) - Fire safety – risks agreed Cook items on a stick and make s'mores on an open fire - Light a candle	- Make fire pictures using natural paint brushes - Make and use charcoal paint - Wooden peg fairies	
Year 2	Focus: Woodcraft - Garden rules - Safely use secateurs – cutting twigs - Twig Star garden decorations (from cutting twigs)	- Micro-habitats in our wildlife garden - Living, dead, never alive – identify 2 things in each category - Map of school (aerial view)	Focus: Fire (Wild Passport) - Fire safety – risks in the garden Prepare veg using a peeler for soup Cook soup on an open fire Make and light a fire - produce spark with a fire stick - Make the fire safe after use	- Make fire pictures using natural paint brushes Wild art e.g. fire pictures using natural resources - Fire collages using leaves etc. Natural dyes on a material	

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	Helen	Class T	Helen	Class T	
Nursery	• Big bird watch • Spot, name birds • Pine cone bird feeders	• Feather printing • Bird sound walk • Mix paint in a puddle	• Safety rules • Use a screwdriver to tighten a screw creating pre-prepared bird boxes small groups	• Gardening – plant a seed • Scavenger hunt • Windy day streamer	• Water Play area • Mud Kitchen • Mud alphabet / numbers • Make a mud ball • Mud Monsters • Bug hunts • Spotter cards • Number Pebbles • Mud painting • Scavenger hunts linked to seasonal changes • Shadow drawings • Obstacle courses
Reception	• Big bird watch – spot / name birds • Sensory Scavenger Hunt • Use hammer to nail 2 pieces of wood (make small group bird boxes)	• Feather crowns • Feather headdress • Mix powder paint in a puddle	• Safety rules • Peel a stick with a potato peeler • Toys camping set – Build a den for an animal or a toy • Make a teepee for teddy	• Turn peeled stick into a character • Gardening with tools • Planting seeds • Grassy Caterpillar	• Clay snails • Colour hunts in nature • Observational drawings • Landscape art • Nature treasure hunts • Taking photographs • Den building area • Land Art • Fairy Gardens and small world • Splashing in puddles • Wooden disc weaving • Large frame weaving • Wooden boxes – Garden treasure
Year 1	• Big bird watch – spot / name birds • Deconstruct a birds nest – what is it made from	• Bird call sound walk • Who been framed? Bird art • Bird feeder using apples	• Safety rules • Use a saw to cut a stick • Make a raft for toys	• Gardening with tools • Planting seeds • Make milk bottle watering cans • Plant labels • Newspaper seedlings pot • Make a seed bomb	
Year 2	• Big bird watch – spot / name birds • Construct a birds nest • Compass games	• Plant pot birdbath • Make a video about the garden • Gratitude Scavenger Hunt • Bird Feeder – wire with threaded fruits	• Safety rules • Attach 2 poles with a knot • Build a survival shelter • Whittle a stick	• Turn whittled stick into a wand, decorate etc. • Gardening, using tools • Planting seeds • Stick people	

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	Helen	Class T	Helen	Class T	
Nursery	• Pond dipping • 5 Little Speckled Frogs • Gardening	• Flower fairies • Dandelion art • Rose Petal perfume • Flower potions	• Rope: Wild Passport • Thread a wood cookie • Bug walk • Visit bug hotels	• Twig butterflies • Make mini-beast pictures with natural paint brushes	• Water Play area • Mud Kitchen • Mud alphabet / numbers • Make a mud ball • Mud Monsters • Bug hunts • Spotter cards • Number Pebbles • Mud painting • Scavenger hunts linked to seasonal changes • Shadow drawings • Obstacle courses • Clay snails • Colour hunts in nature • Observational drawings • Landscape art • Nature treasure hunts • Taking photographs • Den building area • Land Art • Fairy Gardens and small world • Splashing in puddles • Wooden disc weaving • Large frame weaving • Wooden boxes – Garden treasure
Reception	• Pond dipping • Gardening • Collecting small 'treasures' in a matchbox	• Flower fairies • Flower / leaf rainbow • Sticky flower collage • Superhero mask and cuffs	• Rope: Wild Passport • Friendship bracelets • Bug walk • Visit bug hotels	• Building bridges • Flying kites	
Year 1	• Pond dipping • Name and recognising amphibians • Recognise pond life	• Flower fairies • Daisy chains • Dandelion / Floral crowns • Create plant labels	• Rope: Wild Passport • Bug walk • Tie an overhand knot	• Make simple bug houses • DIY terrarium • Barefoot safari • Loose part landmarks	
Year 2	• Pond dipping • Micro-habitats • Frog Life Cycle • Create miniature pond	• Flower fairies • Nature feather weaving • Wild art: Nature faces • Pressing flowers - bookmarks	• Rope: Wild Passport • Bug walk • Rope – tie a half hitch • Make a natural weave frame	• Bug hotels • Bee hotels • Nature weaving • Leaf print bags (tote bag keepsakes)	