

Foundation Stage Woodland Trail- information for teachers

The trail and linking powerpoint aim to draw children's attention to the key landmarks of the park and nature around them. Both give children the opportunity to explore nature in a 'hands on' way.

Activities:

1) Mother Shipton's Cave Woodland Trail:

*Children firstly find a stick and once it has been wrapped with double sided tape, they attach items that they find e.g. leaves, twigs to their stick to use as a story stick later in the classroom.

*Children spot the key attractions and landmarks in the park using the pictures to help them.

*Children think about their senses and write down what they can see, smell, hear and touch as they walk through the park.

*Using their booklets, children create bark rubbings of trees and using string they measure the trunks of different trees to find out which trees are the oldest (longer the string- older the tree).

*Finally children draw something they can see hanging from the Petrifying Well.

2) Woodland Trail Powerpoint presentation and follow on activities to be used back in the classroom:

* Children describe their journey through the park using their story sticks

*Children make caves using cardboard boxes and materials

*As a class, create a leaf and handprint tree

*Colouring pictures of nature by number

*Story of 'The Tiny Seed' read to the children

Resources needed:

- *Pencils*
- *Rubbers*
- *Crayons*
- *String (provided)*
- *Double sided tape (provided)*
- *Sticks (to be picked during the trail)*
- *Cardboard boxes and materials*
- *Paints and large paper for handprints*
- *Colouring pictures of nature by number*
- *Story of 'The Tiny Seed'*