

ACTIVITY TIME

Garden Stew

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Garden Stew is all about getting outside and having fun! Go for a walk with your child and talk about what is in and around your neighbourhood – a tree, a sign, a bus, a bird. What interests your child and what do they ask about?

Butterfly Collage

You will need:

- Butterfly Collage template
- Gather materials from outside – sticks, petals, leaves
- Sticky tape or glue.

Instructions:

1. While on a walk gather up leaves, sticks, petals, gumnuts and flowers, and then make your own butterfly, insect or crazy critter by using the items collected to make shapes on the ground or using the template.
2. Talk about legs, body, arms, head and wings. Let your child's imagination go wild and do any kind of shape; there is no right or wrong.
3. Have fun together talking about and exploring patterns, shapes and textures.

STEM focus:

While out on a walk point to and name the objects your child is interested in, such as a leaf, a flower or petals. When your child points to something they are trying to communicate with you but may not have the words yet; help them learn new words by identifying and labelling.

Songs to sing

Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush, The Farmer's In The Dell, Doing It (Making the Garden Grow) on ABC kids (<https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/shows/justine-cl Clarke-songs/video/doin-it-making-the-garden-grow/11394882>)

Key Message

Children learn from watching and copying.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.



***You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.**

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