

Planning: Den Building

Year Group: 1/2

Activity	Learning Objectives	Main Teaching Activity	Differentiation	Key Vocabulary and Resources
<p>Den Building</p> <p>Relevant to all seasons/months throughout year</p> <p>Approximate time taken – 30 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand materials have different properties and show how they know. • To identify and describe different materials. • To give reasons for building a shelter. • To collect and assemble natural and building materials for a purpose. • To develop language and social skills by working as part of a team. • To work safely with large materials. <p style="text-align: center;">Learning Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can name common types of material and recognise that some are found naturally. • Children can describe the textures of materials. • Children can build a shelter for a purpose. 	<p>For this activity you may wish to use mixed ability groups or let children choose their own groups to work in. Remind children to respect wildlife in the area by not damaging trees or plants. Discuss the different materials that the children will be working with and their properties.</p> <p>Children work in a small group or whole class to build a den or shelter. Consider what might be needed to build a den, discuss natural materials and man-made materials and their properties. Demonstrate how to safely move branches around the woodland area - long sticks (drag point down, hand over end, roll any logs). Children will need to consider the area and the trees available for support. Once dens are created, children can evaluate work and offer constructive feedback.</p> <p>You may wish to record children's responses as a link to your Science topic for Assessment for Learning (AfL).</p>	<p>Children will be working together as a group to construct a shelter/den large enough to fit their group inside.</p>	<p>Vocabulary:</p> <p>Material Natural Man-made Properties</p> <p>Resources:</p> <p>Tarpaulin sheets</p> <p>String</p> <p>Natural resources – long sticks, logs, branches, brash</p>