

EYFS Themed Planning Three Little Pigs Day ~ Exploring Materials and Structures



Time	Learning Experience Group 1	Approx Duration
Arrival approx 10.00am	<p>Arrival and welcome to Kingswood Nursery and Infant Centre Introduce the story of The Three Little Pigs, children can handle materials and think about which will be the strongest and the weakest. Children can have drinks and fruit and prepare for the experiences.</p> <p>Children will split into two or three groups. Children use a map to find and explore three features at Kingswood. At each feature they will meet an animal that needs a home building from either grasses/straw, sticks or clay.</p>	30 mins
10.40am	<p>A home made of Straw! Use the map to find your way to the 'Woodland Shelter/picture of pig with straw'. The woodland shelter has been made using different materials and techniques. The walls inside are made using clay and straw called 'cob walling' and 'cordwood walling'. Read the prompt card to children – children build/construct a nest for a bird using natural materials – straw provided, grasses, leaves etc—encourage children to explore textures and durability of the material. Remember to collect your straw in your wheelbarrow before you leave.</p>	20-30 mins
11.10am	<p>A home made of Sticks! Use the map to find your way to the north woods to the 'Willow Dome/picture of pig with sticks'. The willow dome has been made using cut willow which has been weaved. Read the prompt card to children – children build/construct a nest for a hedgehog using natural materials – sticks and leaves —encourage children to explore textures and durability of the material. Remember to collect your sticks in your wheelbarrow before you leave.</p>	20-30 mins
12.00pm	<p>LUNCH and Free Time <i>The experience and environment will encourage and support children to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the importance of eating sensibly, staying physically active and getting enough rest. • Enjoy the natural play spaces. • Make informed and safe choices. • Develop positive relationships through play. 	1 Hour
Approx 1.00-1.10pm	<p>A home made of Bricks! Use the map to find your way to the 'Moongate/picture of pig with bricks'. The moongate has been built using Yorkshire stone. Read the prompt card to children – children build/construct a small house for a fox or badger using stones from around the area or clay provided—encourage children to explore textures and durability of the materials. What will happen to the clay as it dries? Will the house of bricks be the strongest house? Remember to collect your clay/stones in your wheelbarrow before you leave.</p>	20-30 mins
1.40pm	<p>A house of Straw, Sticks and Bricks for the Three Little Pigs Children build small houses for the three little pigs. You may wish to encourage children to assemble, join and combine materials. Which house is built from the strongest materials? What structure do children think is the weakest?</p>	20-30 mins
2.15pm	Prepare to leave Kingswood	