

National Simultaneous Storytime Activity Matrix

Family Tree

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Create and Celebrate

Using photographs, footage, play dough, Lego or even paper, create a piece of media about the local environment to share with others.



Native Flora Finds

Research plants and trees which are native to your local area. Conduct a survey of how many different types you can find. Consider what is missing and how you can help.



Slow Sketching

Take the time to stop, look and listen.
Choose a native plant to sketch in detail.
Add labels, describing words, as well as how the plant feels, smells and makes you feel.



Connect, Challenge, Extend

After reading the book explore these questions...

How does this story **connect** to something you know about?

What new ideas do you have that **extended** your thinking in new directions?

What is **challenging** or confusing? What do you wonder about?



Leafy Animal Designs

Gather different types of leaves and natural materials.

Create some rubbings and transform them into local animals.



Grow Your Own

Plant your own seeds and watch them grow. Consider picking local natives, herbs or vegetables which can help support the environment.





Collaborative Nature Appreciation Artwork

Create a collaborative community tree to share all the different ways we can appreciate the environment. On separate leaves each person draws or uses collage to create themselves enjoying something about the local environment.

