

The 50 things app can benefit children in the setting and home learning environment. In addition to supporting and strengthening working with parents, the activity ideas and information make planning easy. **An example of planning opportunities**

If you have a local wood to explore, perfect! However, any open space with trees, and different surfaces will spark children's curiosity. Exploring the sights, sounds and natural objects costs nothing except for your time. **Time is the most valuable resource you can give to children.**

Stand still. Listen. Look. Let's explore and see what we can find. What can you see? What can you hear? What's that over there? I saw something move.



To include parents in their children's learning you could send home a bag for them to collect items and bring them in to talk about and explore with all the children. This may spark valuable discussions as children use their memories to talk about their own experiences.



STORY IDEAS

That's not my Squirrel

The Gruffalo

The Squirrels that Squabbled

The Tiny Seed

SONGS TO SING

When you go Down to the Woods Today

The Gruffalo Song

The Bear Went Over the Mountain

The Farmer Plants his Seeds

Bring the outdoors indoors so that children can relive their experiences and play out their ideas across the setting. Some children may not have had the opportunity to explore nature, some may not have access to a garden - do you know your children and families, where they live and what experiences they have had? Some of your parents/other family members may have green fingers and be interested in gardening to help you offer a range of experiences.



Using items that are collected when outdoors can be used for transient art, and collage pictures, in tuff spots as part of an activity which will help develop children's **creativity and critical thinking**. Photos taken on outings or in the garden will provide opportunities to recall and talk about what they did, where they were, what they saw and what they found, which will help develop their **communication skills** and **build relationships with others**. Visit the website [50 Things to Do Before You're Five in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough](https://www.50thingsbeforeyoure5.co.uk/)