



Creating Forest Characters



For Teachers

Age: 4 - 11 year olds ⌚ Minimum time needed: 45 minutes

Curriculum links:

English

- Composition, Comprehension, Spoken Language, Creating characters and plot.

Art

- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences.

Use natural materials from the forest to create characters for a story and create stories about the characters. Discuss what might happen next and who else might play a part in the story. Encourage confidence in character development by using a well-known story ahead of your visit.

Get Ready

- Camera



Get Set

In small groups, explore the forest and return with a selection of natural objects.

Go

- Working in groups or as individuals, use the natural materials gathered to create a new character for a familiar story.
- Describe a character using imaginative adjectives, figurative and emotional language.
- **Consider:** What is their name? Where do they live? What is their personality like? How do they come into the story?
- Invite members of the class to share their characters and descriptions.



Go Beyond

Take photos of the characters created and back in school write a story involving the new characters.