



Forest Fables



For Teachers

Age: 4 - 11 year olds ⌚ **Minimum time needed:** 30 minutes

Curriculum links:

English

- Composition, Comprehension, Spoken Language.

Art

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

Explore the forest to gather natural materials and use them imaginatively to inspire storytelling.

Get Ready

- Stick, approximately forearm length
- Wool or string
- The first line of a story – you could use the example below, or create your own line linked to a current topic in school. Make sure you can build in the use of natural objects in your story
- Pencils and paper

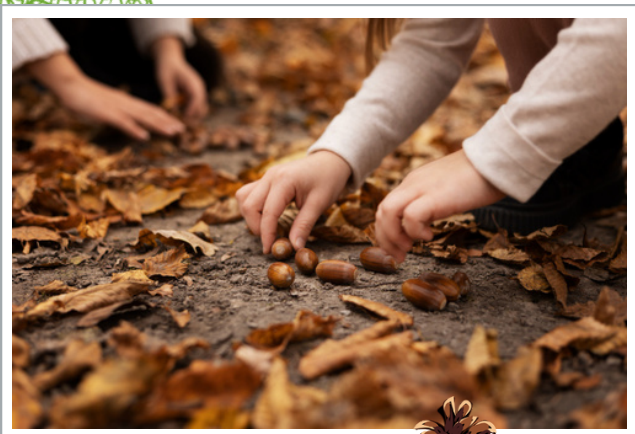


Get Set

- Explore the forest and bring back one natural object each.

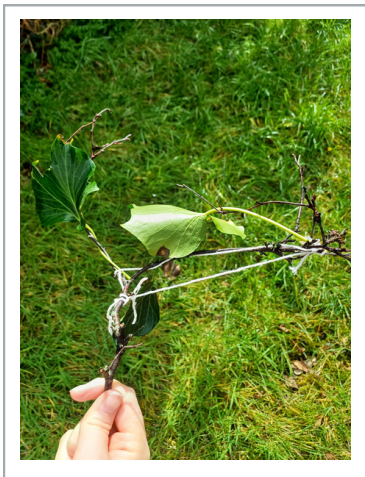
Discuss:

Why did you choose that object?
What imaginary things could it be?



Go

- Sitting in a circle, start the first line of your story, include a mention of the chosen object.
- Show the object as a prop and then attach it to the stick by wrapping wool/string around it.
- Pass the stick around the circle, each adding the next line of the story and then attaching their objects to the stick.



In the depths of the ancient forest, a small elf named Luna lived among the trees. Luna was known for her kind heart.



One day on a walk Luna found a beautiful cloak draped over a low branch.

Go Beyond

- Revisit the story stick – looking at the objects attached, what were the lines of the story?
- Write '**what happened next**' stories back in school or ask the children to draw the characters from the story.
- Create a large group forest fable, using a long branch on the ground, placing objects by the side. Or imagine what story a tree could tell.