

Sketching

This activity helps children become aware of what there is to find in the nature reserve and to look closely at it. By being quiet and focused children will begin to appreciate the peacefulness of the nature reserve and be more alert to the sights and sounds around them. This activity supports creativity, English, technology, arts, cooperative working, and community development.

Resources

- Pencils and/or charcoal
- Clip boards and paper

Activity

Children find a quiet place within a defined area. Explain to them that they can take a moment, perhaps one minute, look around, think about what they like and enjoy it.

Then using the paper and pencil or charcoal gently draw what they have focused on.

Then, in pairs children look at each other's work and discuss what they chose to draw and why they chose it.

Follow up

- Children can continue working on their pictures back at school with pastels, paints etc. Then they can help to mount the work to produce an exhibition. This can involve other classes, staff, parents and the wider community. There could be a group of four pupils identified to act as the press team to make sure the project gets maximum publicity. It would be useful to have a project photographer and someone keeping a project diary so future years can develop the project. The exhibition could be part of a bigger event promoting the nature reserve, and act as an example to other schools.

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