

The magical mystery tour

This is a fun activity which is all about searching, thinking, and getting the most out of the magic of nature.

Resources

- Tokens made in school beforehand
- Paper to sketch the route on
- Paper and coloured pencils or pastels
- Plastic bags to sit on

Activity

For the activity the class splits into two. One half will create their own mystery tour of an area of the nature reserve decided by the teacher. It is very important that the team does not stray outside the defined area. Their aim is to make a tour for the other team providing clues and leaving a series of tokens that the team must collect to prove they have followed the route, the clues could be things like: 'Look for the tree with the silver shine' or 'Beware the rotting log' etc. The other team must be able to know roughly which direction to go so give directions such as turn left at the mighty oak, tread carefully around the flowers of gold etc. Don't make it too hard, we want the groups to be able to complete the tours.

Whilst they are creating their trail the other half will be busy. They are finding their own quiet spot and drawing the shapes of nature. These could be the gaps between branches; the way in which grasses bend in the wind; the roots of a tree etc. encourage the group to work slowly and enjoy the peace.

When the first group return, the second group set off to follow the route and the first group find their own spot to sit and draw.

Follow up

- This activity could lead into map work back at school. It's also a good start for creative writing about the reserve using the descriptions from the trail or the children's drawings.



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