

Build a bug house activity

Birth to Five Matters: Is curious and interested to explore new and familiar experiences in nature: grass, mud. Puddles, plants and animal life.

You are your child's teacher:

Exploring the natural world around them.

Use descriptive language: talk about what your child is doing avoid asking questions.

Encourage other family members to join in with the activity by visiting local parks to collect resources

Re- visit the activities as much as possible.

Be warm, supportive, and encouraging.

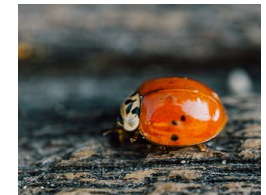
With your child you can build a bug house/ hotel and explore what guests come to stay.

You will need:

- Pine cones (any type that opens up to reveal gaps between their scales)
- small twigs
- dry leaves
- Magnifying glass

Go out to a local wood or park and collect branches, wood, pinecones and some moss or dried leaves, you could also add different size stones.

Find a suitable dry place in your garden to create your bug home/ hotel, pile the wood on top of



Facts:

- Many insects benefit your garden, such as ladybirds and bees, which hibernate through the Winter.
- They like to crawl into warm and dry spaces in the Autumn and stay there until Spring.

