...giving children the best start

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.