...giving children the best start

Outdoor Fun Activities Make and build

Early Learning Goal: Managing self: be confident to try new activities.

You are your child's teacher:

Talk about what your child is doing helps their language to develop by learning new words.

Giving them lots of different activities to explore will help develop their physical skills.

Set simple goals your child can achieve.

Give your child time to think and reply.

Be warm, supportive, and encouraging.

Magic wand:

Have a walk around the local park or forest and find your magic wand—remember the wand chooses the witch or wizard, so make sure to keep your eyes peeled for that special branch!

Using glue, double-sided tape or string decorate your wand. You could use things you collected on your walk such as flowers, leaves, grass, stones and feathers, or use different coloured paper, beads, bits of ribbon or material. You could even paint your magic wand your favourite colour.

Fairy or Elf House:

While you're on your walk, make sure to collect extra leaves, grasses, stones, feathers in fact any "treasure" you come across.

You could then use it back at home to make a fairy or elf house. You'll just need an older cardboard box and some sticky tape or glue. Decorate it with the treasures you found. The fairies and elves will love it!

Den building:

Why not go to your local park or wood and collect large branches to create a den, or use old blankets and pegs to create a den in your garden. Have a story, sing songs and eat a picnic in your den.