

Nature weaving

If you're spending more time outdoors during the pandemic, why not support children to have a go at nature weaving?

There is an abundance of natural materials that can be found outdoors and children can collect their own resources (reducing the need to share resources during the current pandemic).

Remember to follow stringent handwashing procedures according to your setting's policy.

Learning aims

- Developing children's fine motor skills
- Developing children's co-ordination skills
- Supporting children's concentration
- Supporting children's mathematical development
- Supporting children's creativity.



Resources

- Sticks
- Twine, cord or string
- Natural materials for threading such as grass, leaves, flowers such as daisies.

Activity outline

- Support children to collect sticks that can be tied together to make a frame (staff may need to collect these and make them available in the setting's outdoor area)
- Encourage children to find sticks of similar sizes to make their own square frame (these may need to be trimmed if sticks are all different sizes)
- Tie the sticks together using the twine, cord or string to make the frame structure
- Support children to wrap the twine, cord or string backwards and forwards between two of the sticks to make a weaving loom structure
- Encourage children to collect and use their own natural resources to weave and create. These can be reused by each child again and again until they need to be discarded or children's unique creations can be kept and displayed.