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National Day Nurseries Association

# Factsheet



## Natural Art - Arlunio Naturiol

Wales

# Natural Art

# Arlunio naturiol

Nature provides countless opportunities for children to discover, create and problem solve.

Arts and crafts provide children with a unique, fun opportunity to learn and improve their skills. When creating an art and craft project, children are able to express their creativity whilst developing their motor skills.

## Learning Outcomes

Physical development

Fine motor skills

Understanding the world

Communication and language

Personal, social and emotional development

## Canlyniadau dysgu

Datblygiad corfforol

Sgiliau echddygol manwl

Dealltwriaeth or byd

Cyfathrebu a iaith

Datblygiad emosiynol, cymdeithasol a personol

## Resources

Natural resources from all seasons

Sticks, stones, leaves, driftwood and acorns

Flowers, shells

Elastic bands, clothes pegs, string, camera

## Adnoddau

Adnoddau naturiol o bob tymor

Pren, cerrig, dail, broc a mês

Bloda, cregin

Bandiau elastig, pegs dillad, llinyn, camera

## Activity outline - Amlinell gweithgaredd

Works of art can be completed either on an individual canvas or as a whole group, large-scale project.

- Explore / fforio the outdoors and collect resources
  - Remember to follow all safety procedures and safeguarding processes
- Encourage children to look around for fallen leaves and twigs, flowers, feathers, shells, stones etc.
- Provide the children with a blank, square, individual canvas or framed space on the concrete floor and secure with tape
- Leave the resources for the children to explore and create
  - Remember to discuss why it is important to choose items that have fallen on the ground rather than pulling them from trees etc.
- Encourage children to photograph their finished pieces of art.

**Extension** – Develop a floor book using the printed photographs of children’s artwork or use a digital photo frame to view the children’s artwork and promote discussion.

## Word bank and useful phrases

Shall we look for... leaves?

Leaves

Flowers

Feather / feathers

Sticks

Stone / stones

Acorn

Driftwood

Who would like to...

Explore

Today we are going to explore outside

Explore

## Geirfa ac Ymadroddion defnyddiol

Be am edrych am ddail?

Dail

Blodau

Pluen/Plu

Pren

Carreg/Cerrig

Mês

Broc

Pwy sa’n hoffi...

Fforio (explore the land)

Heddiw da ni am fforio tu allan

Archwilio (ideas)

We will explore (ideas) that we can do

What have you found?

Well done!

Outside

Da ni am archwilio be fedra ni neud

Be sydd gen ti?

Da iawn!

Tu allan

### Further support:

The following products will help support your setting with natural art ideas:

- [Outdoor Play](#) – publication
- [Art of Expression and Creativity](#) – publication
- [Fun for all Seasons](#) – publication.

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