



Wild Schools

At Home

Mini Treasures

Collecting mini treasures

Art and design, literacy

Grab an old egg box and head out to find some mini treasures! If you want to you can decorate your egg box with paints, felts or crayons to look like a treasure chest. Take it outside and hunt around for natural objects that catch your eye and put them into your treasure chest. You might choose a stone you like the colour or shape of, a pine cone or perhaps a feather (try not to pick any flowers as these are needed by insects for food). Once you have finished take some time to talk to someone about your treasures. Describe them (remember to use your adjectives) and say why you chose each of them.



Creating Art from treasures

Art and design

Take one treasure at a time and try drawing it. Can you turn your pictures into animals? An alder cone could become a spiky hedgehog, a leaf could be a butterfly or a row of stones a caterpillar. If you don't want to draw them first leaves and flat objects could be glued onto paper then you can add ears, tails and other features to create your treasure creatures.

Going on a treasure hunt

Numeracy

Put one of your treasures into your treasure chest—or find a new one to hide in it. Hide your chest somewhere outside then create your very own treasure map. Start by drawing a map of the area. When you draw a map imagine you are floating over the area and draw what you would see, from above.





Going on a treasure hunt.....continued

In your map include features such as trees, paths and plants then use a cross to mark the location of the treasure.

If you don't want to draw a map, try writing instructions instead. For example:

'take 5 steps out of the door, turn right and take 10 steps, now walk towards the pond for 3 steps.'

Challenge a family member to hunt for your hidden treasure, when they find it explain to them what is special to you about the treasure inside—what you like about it, why you chose it and ask them what they like about it.

You could then swap over jobs and hide the treasure again!

Use your treasures to inspire your storytelling

Literacy

Using your imagination, your treasures can be anything you want. A large leaf might be a blanket for a beetle, an alder cone may be a hairbrush for an mouse whilst an acorn cup could be a bowl for a elf. Black marks on leaves might show where a dragon has sneezed! Let your imagination go wild and use these objects as prompts to create a story. Either make up a story by yourself, or play 'Finish the Story' with your family:

- Get all the players into a circle.
- One person starts the story by introducing a character or scene.
- The next person continues the story by adding the next sentence using a treasure as a prop or prompt.
- Take turns to add to the story each time using one treasure to inspire your story telling.

When telling your story try to include lots of good describing words (adjectives) and include details such as sounds, smells and how things feel.

