



Nature Tots

At Home

Bog Babies

Storytime suggestion

'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward.

As you read the book talk about the words they use to describe the bog baby, can you imagine what it would feel like? Why did the Bog Baby become unhappy and unwell.

If you don't have the book , listen to it read aloud [here](#) under the 'Bog Baby' section.

Go on a texture hunt

In the story the children describe the bog baby. See if you can find where they use these words:

- Round
- Spiky
- Soft
- Tickly

Do you think you could find natural objects that would also be described by those words? Go outside and see if you can find one or more objects for each word.

You could play guess the word if you show each other an object and see if the other person can guess which word it fits. Or you could make a texture collection if you find lots of objects for each word and take a photo of what you have found.





Design a Bog Baby

Using clay, plasticine, salt dough or Play Doh, make your very own Bog Baby. Think about what it will look and feel like and use natural materials to help you create its features.

When you have created your Bog Baby write all about it here:

Where does your Bog Baby live?

What does your Bog Baby eat?

What noises does your Bog Baby make? Does he croak, purr, tweet?

How does your Bog Baby move? Does he fly, crawl, swim?

Mud Painting

Bog Babies love being in water and mud. Why not try painting with some mud and twigs? Can you create some art using just natural materials?

Make a magic wand

Make a wand to keep all the Bog Babies safe in their magic ponds.

Find a stick as long as your arm. Tie a piece of wool or string to the base of the stick and then wrap it around the stick all the way up to the top. Secure the wool with a second knot at the top and leave a bit hanging off the end. Hunt for some natural materials such as leaves and attach those to the end of the hanging wool.

Now practice your favourite magic spells and remember magic works best outdoors!