

Outdoor Learning Experience (3 years old)

<p>Learning experience: Exploring Grass with Our Senses</p>	<p>Shared by: Catherine Liew</p>
<p>Environment: Outdoor open grass area</p>	<p>Estimated time: 20 minutes</p>
<p>Children’s prior experiences: Children are familiar with the open grass area/field which they have been visiting frequently.</p>	<p>Suitable for: 3 years old</p>
<p>What children will experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will engage their five senses to explore grass. • Children will enjoy the openness of space the park offers and exhibit a sense of wonder and curiosity. 	<p>EYDF Pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Developing Child • The Intentional Programme
<p>What you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile phone with recording function • Magnifiers (one for each child) 	<p>Benefit - Risk Assessment:</p> <p><u>Benefit:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children become more motivated and self-directed to explore the open space using their senses. <p><u>Risk:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One possible risk is there may be sharp and hazardous objects/areas on the grass patch. <p><u>Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scan the venue to ensure it is free from potential hazards such as sharp objects, pot holes, broken tiles or insects • Before going out, prepare children for outdoors by showing them photographs of the place they are going and the activities that they will be doing there.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply insect-repellent• Bring along a first-aid kit |
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How to make it happen:

(Assign one teacher to video record the outdoor learning experience.)

1. Gather children to an open grass area /field and have them sit on the ground.
2. Encourage them to look at, smell and feel the grass (reinforce words like smooth, flat, long, fresh, green, soft, wet, etc.)
3. Provide magnifiers for children to have a closer look at the grass. (Teachers to ask open-ended questions to encourage children to use their five senses to explore and observe grass)
4. Have children remove their footwear to walk, run and jump on the grass area.
5. Gather children to talk about their experience and feelings.
6. Back in the classroom, have children revisit their outdoor experience by viewing the video recording of their outdoor activity. Discuss the other activities children would like to do at the grass area/field and the tools they would like to bring along to enhance their outdoor play experience.