

Outdoor Learning Experience (5 to 6 years old)

<p>Learning Experience: Fun with Collage Using Natural Loose Materials</p>	<p>Shared by: Liyana Kamsani</p>
<p>Environment: Around school ground, local green space where there are a variety of natural loose materials.</p>	<p>Estimated time: 40 minutes</p>
<p>Children’s prior knowledge: Children have been given the opportunity to explore and work with loose materials in the learning environment.</p>	
<p>What children will experience (NEL Learning Areas):</p> <p>Language and Literacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will talk about artworks that they have created. <p>Aesthetic and Creative Expression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will explore elements of art in their artworks by using materials of different textures and shapes to create a collage. <p>Social Emotional Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will build relationship with others and use positive ways to manage disagreements/ unhappiness. • Children will work and play cooperatively in a group - work with other children to complete a group task with guidance. 	<p>Suitable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 to 6 years old
<p>What you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camera or iPad • 5 A4 paper or drawing paper • Picture cards of (Bougainvillea, Spider Lily, Hibiscus, <i>Ixora congesta</i>), insects (butterfly/bees/millipede), trees or plants found around the school outdoor environment (e.g. cluster palm trees, bird nest, sealing wax palm, foxtail palm, raintree) 	<p>Benefit-Risk Assessment:</p> <p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This activity develops children’s creativity to use natural loose materials to create art. <p><u>Risk:</u></p>

- Pencils

- Be aware of those who are allergic to plants. To provide alternative material to children who have such allergy.
- Hazards along the pathways/immediate environment e.g. sharp objects, insect bites, wet weather.

Management:

- Teachers to scan the environment beforehand before bringing children to the intended outdoor space.
- Ensure children use mosquito patch or insect repellent before heading outdoor.
- Children are to place back the natural loose materials after they completed their collage creation.

How to make it happen:

1. Take your class on a nature walk.
2. Give each group picture cards of flowers (Bougainvillea, Spider Lily, Hibiscus, *Ixora congesta*), insects (butterfly/bees/millipede), trees or plants (cluster palm trees, bird nest, sealing wax palm, foxtail palm, raintree).
3. Their challenge is to count the number of flowers, insects, trees or plants that they can find during their nature walk and write the numeral on a piece of paper.
4. Next, stop at a spacious area where there are variety of loose parts and have them create a collage using the natural loose material around the area.
5. Give children an opportunity to share about their creations at the end of the sessions.
6. Teacher and children are encouraged to take pictures of their collage which they can add written documentations back in the classroom.
7. After the walk, teacher can get each group to present the total number of flowers, insects, trees or plants that they saw during the nature walk.

Photographs:



Sample of collage pictures with natural materials