



Live **MINIBEASTS** in large habitat leaf litter trays accompanied by Essex Wildlife Trust Outreach Officers. Allow children to get up close to slugs, snails, beetles, millipedes and woodlice.... We supply all the equipment for a full sensory experience and to extend the workshop, explore your grounds and make minibeast log hotels.

GROWING GARDENS

We work with everyone to create an outdoor environment that is stimulating to all and beneficial to wildlife. Previous work with under 5 providers includes a sensory garden, vegetable patch, mirrors, stag beetle pyramid, log piles ...we can then come back with tools to work with everyone to create the areas –digging and planting.

We can lead a **WILDLIFE EXPEDITION** to your local wildlife area or outdoor play area for a wildlife adventure and help you design a programme to maximise the use of your outdoor area throughout the year. Activities include Pond dipping, minibeast hunting, Scent trails, Smelly Cocktails, Seed Wings and Wind! Leaf matching, Leaf Slides and art projects.

LIVING WILLOW STRUCTURES to provide shade, play opportunities and an annual harvest of willow to create new projects. Structures we have built for nurseries include domes, tunnels and even Dragons! Children help too!



FOREST SCHOOLS

Forest Schools are sweeping the nation to get young children out regularly to a local area of woodland to play, explore and create. Learning to use tools and work with the natural materials to hand, young children embark on a journey of self discovery. Making dens, learning to safely cook on fires, weaving, mud sculptures and making adventure playgrounds are some of the activities designed to enable success and increase self confidence. We will work with you to find a suitable site and offer a series of six sessions (one a week) to give a taster and advice to set up your own forest school.

We provide all equipment and lead each session.

Each activity is risk assessed. We request a donation of £200 day/ £100 half day /£50-£75mini- session plus travel expenses @ 40p per mile

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