

KEEP BUSY, KEEP LEARNING - AGES 6 TO 9

MOVE! Litter Lessons - clean it up and sort it out

You'll need: outside space, adult help, gloves, garbage bag, recycle bag



- As the snow melts, it often reveals litter that was once hidden under the snow
- With the help of an adult, wander through your neighbourhood or nearby park and pick up the litter and recycling that you see on the ground, placing it in the correct bag as you go along
- Be sure to check with your local recycling depot to learn what can and can't be recycled - this varies depending on your region and recycling facility
- Sorting out garbage and recycling is an easy way to practice conservation

LEARN! Migration Pathways - the birds are back in town

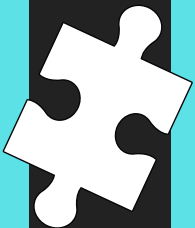
You'll need: sidewalk chalk or masking tape, paper, marker



- Draw a 5 x 5 square grid on the ground with tape (inside), or chalk (outside) - large enough to stand in each space. Mark a 'start' and 'end' square on opposite sides. Have a helper sketch the 5 x 5 grid on a hidden piece of paper, and mark a path of squares that the players (birds) must follow, but can't see. Travel can only be forward and sideways. To start, the bird steps on to the grid and moves one square at a time - checking in with the helper. If the step they take matches the secret path on the paper, they are correct - and can continue trying. If incorrect, they lose their turn. A bird that makes it across the grid to the end square, following the path sketched by the helper - has successfully made their migration!

CHALLENGE! What's That Smell ? - animals have amazing noses

You'll need: 6 cups, blindfold, 6 smelly items



- Smelly item ideas: ketchup, mustard, vinegar, chocolate, citrus, spices, dish soap
- Place a small amount of each item into a cup and set aside so the guesser can't see
- With the guesser blindfolded, seated at a table, the other person will place the cup in front of the guesser's nose to smell
- The guesser must guess the smell correctly before moving on to the next smell
- In nature, who might have the best sense of smell? Prey? Predators? Herbivores? Carnivores? Omnivores?

CREATE! 'Cheep' Construction - make like a bird and nest

You'll need: outside space



- It's spring and birds are returning to breed. As soon as they arrive they get straight to work building their nests. You can often identify a bird based on the type of nest it builds and while the female typically builds the nest, the male will often help
- Brainstorm a list of different items that a bird might use to build a nest
- Do your best to collect those items around your yard or nearby park - taking ONLY things you find on the ground. Try your best to create a bird nest with the items you find - now imagine a bird only using its beak and its feet!?

REFLECT! 'Act of Green' Pledge - small actions, big impacts

You'll need: paper, markers, tape



- Brainstorm a list of 10 actions you can do to help keep the earth a healthy place for you, and the natural world around us. Perhaps these are actions you will do once a day, once a week, once a month. Think of these actions as a promise or pledge
- For example: " I pledge to turn off the lights when I leave a room "
- Write each one on a separate piece of paper, decorate it, and post it up around the house as a reminder to do your part to help keep the earth a healthy place