



COMBINE MATERIALS & RESOURCES

TO CREATE AN IMMERSIVE PLAY SPACE!

## PLAY SPACE CARDS

### INSECT DISCOVERY TRAY

To create this play space, we used our Tuff Tray, filling it with a variety of natural resources, such as leaves, pine cones and bark. We also utilised wood blocks to create height and dimension, also creating spaces to hide your various bugs and encouraging investigation and discovery.

We then filled the spaces with lots of bugs! Smaller replica bugs and wooden bugs were added into the tray, and under the tray we placed our jumbo bugs for some extra imaginative/dramatic play opportunities.

The mini beast slides allow for research and discovery, along with magnifying glasses or any other viewing tools you might like to add.

### LEARNING THEMES AND CONNECTIONS



- Bugs and Insects
- Nature Inquiry
- Entomology
- In my Backyard
- Ecosystems
- Caring for Country



### EARLY YEARS LEARNING FRAMEWORK CONNECTIONS

- Learning Outcome 2.4: Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment
- Learning Outcome 4.1: Children develop a growth mindset and learning dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.
- Learning Outcome 4.2: Children develop a range of learning and thinking skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.

### PROMPTS & QUESTIONS

- \* What kind of bugs and insects can you find?
- \* What do you know about insects and bugs?
- \* Do all bugs move the same? What are some of the ways that they move?
- \* Can you show me how your favourite bugs moves with your body?





## EXTENSION IDEAS

- \* Extend your play space with literacy. Use books to develop research skills and support curious minds!
- \* Use technology to extend children's understanding, source educational videos such as:

[The Butterfly Life Cycle | Educational Videos For Kids](#)  
(The Ranger Zak Show on YouTube)

- \* Extend scientific discovery by heading outdoors and searching for insects and bugs in nature using magnifying glasses, binoculars, bug viewers or even hand held pocket microscopes (SKU [132424](#)).
- \* Children can create their own bugs and insects using natural or craft materials.

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## RESOURCES

Here you'll find some of the resources we used to create our Bugs play space.



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