

# Exploration and Investigation

Use one or all of the following ideas to set up your nature learning centres.

## Spring Blitz Cards

Create spring outdoor task cards that students can choose from and rotate through. Some examples:

- Build a stick or cone tower
- Texture colouring station (provide paper and crayons and challenge students to make bark and other natural material rubs)
- Rainbow Chip Hunt
- Build a mini shelter or fairy houses or bug condo
- Build a **Nature Frame**
- Adopt a **bud buddy**
- **Playing with Patterns**



## Wake up Plants

Follow up to the bud buddy activity by having students choose and observe one bud. Provide a piece of paper, divided in two halves. In one half, learners will draw their bud. On the other half, they draw their prediction of what their bud will look like once it opens. Buds can be flowers or leaves, or even pine needles! Encourage the kids to use coloured pencils to add some colour and life.

## Copycat Nature Art

Have students get into groups of two. Each student should collect the same number of natural materials (2 rocks, 4 sticks, 3 pinecones, etc). Students sit back to back, and have a predetermined amount of time to create a nature art piece. Once time is up, the artist describes their art piece to their partner who has to try to make a piece that matches the first art piece.



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