



Treasure bags.

Here are some simple activities you can do in any season and at any age. It's all about finding treasure! Not the sort of treasure you might find in a pirate story but the treasure we can find all around us if we only look close enough. Here's how it works.

All you will need is a bag to collect your treasure and an adult to go outside with you on a walk somewhere close to your home. Don't worry if you haven't got a huge woodland or park near you home because treasure can be found anywhere!

On your walk, try and pay close attention to what is around you, especially on the ground but keep a look out all around you. When you see something from nature that you like, pick it up and put it into your bag.* The sorts of things you might find could be pinecones, pebbles or feathers but there could be lots of different things. Have a look and see what you can find.

When you feel you've collected enough treasure there are lots of different things you might like to do next. One idea is to play a game with someone else in your house.

Treasure bag games.

Game 1: Take it in turns to pick an item in the bag, the picker will then describe the item without saying what it is to the other person and they have to guess what it is. Try to use nice adjectives (descriptive words) if you can, you can talk about the colour, the texture (*rough, smooth or prickly*) or even where it came from *e.g. it comes from an animal or a tree.*

Game 2: Take it in turns to pick an item from the bag and without looking, feel it and try and guess what it is. Think about how it feels in your hand and how heavy it is, maybe even give it a sniff, can you smell anything? This might be fun to play with someone who has no idea what's in your treasure bag to see if they can guess!

More to try.

You might find some natural things outside and not know what they are or where they are from.

- ✿ Why not try and guess?
- ✿ Where do you think they could be from and what are they for?
- ✿ Do you think they are from a plant or an animal and what kind?
- ✿ Could you give them a new name?
- ✿ You could start a 'walk museum', a place where you can keep all the treasure you find on different walks.
- ✿ You might like to try and draw one or some of your treasure or draw or paint on them (*for example pebbles*).
- ✿ You might like to hang some of your treasure on string and make a mobile?

Whatever you chose to do, we hope you have fun and if you can, please ask an adult to share what you have been doing with us so we can see too. We would love to hear from you!

**(note to parents: please be careful not to allow children to pick up anything that may be sharp or could harm them, if you are unsure whether a plant is toxic or not, please err on the side of caution. Please be careful children do not pick up any dog mess and make sure they wash their hands thoroughly afterwards.)*

