

## WEEK 4: SHELTER

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Pen
- Pad of paper
- Glue or sticky tape
- A suitable outdoor space to walk around (like a garden or local park)



### ACTIVITY 1: HABITAT MAPPING

- 1) Choose a green space that you can use for this activity, like a garden or a small park. Walk around the space looking for all the different habitats you can find: plants, areas of ground and features like ponds.
- 2) Now imagine yourself as a bird or a butterfly looking down on the space. On a piece of paper sketch out what it looks like from above, paying particular attention to include the different habitats you identified.
- 3) On to your sketch, stick down natural materials like soil, leaves and grass using glue and sticky tape, but make sure you have permission from an adult before pulling anything up.
- 4) Once you have stuck down these materials to your sketch you will have a map of your chosen green space that highlights the different habitats it provides for wildlife. If you would like you can add notes to these different areas about the kinds of plants and animals that might benefit from them.

## ACTIVITY 2: NATURAL MATERIAL MANDALAS

- 1) A mandala is a kind of art that is an arrangement of symbols in a pattern, like a spiral or a flower. We are going to create one of these using natural materials so, to start, begin thinking about the type of pattern you'd like.
- 2) Collect a range of natural materials, like soil, grass and flowers, being sure to ask the permission of an adult before pulling anything up. It's best to get things that are loose and try to find as many colours as possible.
- 3) Try rubbing some of your different materials on a piece of scrap paper to see if they leave a mark. Use this information to help plan how you will use these materials in your pattern.
- 4) Now by rubbing on some of your materials and by tearing up and sticking down others, create your mandala pattern and be sure to share this with us with the #WildDays.



## ACTIVITY 3: YOUR IDEAL WILDLIFE SPACE

- 1) Imagine a space the size of half a tennis court (12 metres by 4 metres) and decide if it's a park or a garden.
- 2) Sketch out this space and think what combination of habitats you would like in this area, making notes about why you've chosen these different features.

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