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Forest schools

As you know, we have been looking at identifying living things in science. I thought it would be fun to bring this into our forest school sessions and have a look at fossils.

Fossils are the remains of living things which lived long ago. Here is a link to a BBC bitesize video which tells you more about them:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt/articles/z2ym2p3>

I have listed some ideas of how you could create your own 'fossils' from things in your garden, or objects that you find when you are out and about.



If you are lucky enough to have some clay you could use this for your fossils, or perhaps you could ask a grown-up to help you make some salt dough.

Salt dough recipe: 100g plain flour
100g table salt
50ml warm water

Mix the ingredients together and knead the dough for 5 minutes.

Once you've created your fossil you can leave it on a tray to harden, somewhere warm and dry, or maybe a grown-up can put it in an oven, on a low heat, for an hour?

You might have some playdough at home that you could use to explore the different imprints that your objects make. Or you could make footprints in the mud.



Making imprints

Perhaps you have been lucky enough to go for a walk in the woods and collected some pinecones, or found some shells on a trip to the beach. Do you have some interestingly shaped leaves in your garden that you could use? Or maybe you have some plastic toy dinosaurs, bugs or other animals which would make some realistic looking fossils? These are just a few ideas that I have had - you might be able to think of something even more exciting which you could use for your fossil.

I'm looking forward to seeing what you create in forest schools this week!