

## Lesson Plan – Mini Dens

<u>Learning Objective – Early Years and Reception</u>	<u>Session Structure</u>	<u>Assessment for learning</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a cosy mini den for a cuddly toy</li> <li>• Explore the forest</li> <li>• Learn what animals need from their homes</li> <li>• Work together and have fun</li> </ul>	<p>An introduction is given to the class and the session is explained. In small groups children find a good spot to build their den whilst considering what would be best for their cuddly creature. Discuss how to build dens safely in the forest.</p> <p><b>Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children work as a team to create a mini den</li> <li>• Children collect materials for their dens from the forest floor</li> <li>• Learn what important things animals in the forest need their homes to provide</li> <li>• Learn about the animals that make their home in Hatfield Forest</li> </ul>	<p>During the session we will encourage children to reflect on their learning from the session with questions and answers.</p> <p>We will end the session with a plenary activity of teams looking at each mini den which has been built. This will allow each team to tell their class why it's a cosy den and how they made it.</p> <p>Discuss how this habitat provides shelter for their cuddly toy.</p> <p><b>Key words</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shelter</b></li> <li>• <b>Safe</b></li> <li>• <b>Dry</b></li> <li>• <b>Warm</b></li> </ul>