

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"> • Build a cosy mini den for a cuddly toy • Explore the forest • Learn what animals need from their homes • Work together and have fun 	<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>Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children work as a team to create a mini den • Children collect materials for their dens from the forest floor • Learn what important things animals in the forest need their homes to provide • Learn about the animals that make their home in Hatfield Forest 	<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>Key words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter • Safe • Dry • Warm