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| **Outdoor Education Plan** |
| **Lesson Focus - Making a Willow Ring and Butterfly** |
| **Year Group - Whole school** | **Term**  | **Date –**  |
|  | **Outline** | **Curriculum Links/****Learning Objectives** | **Health and Safety considerations** | **Equipment** |
| **Session Procedures** | **Before** - Check for rubbish, glass, hazards. Check weather forecast**During –** Watch that children do not try to cut corners around the school grounds and make the ground muddy.* Children must wear gloves for litter picking and planting

**After** – clear everything away and return any natural objects to their original place**Clean hands.**  | * I can create a bee or dragonfly with willow

Art/DT* 3D design

PSHE* Looking after nature

Numeracy * Shape
 | Children need to be careful that they do not poke themselves or anyone else in the eye.Spend a good amount of time showing the children how dangerous the willow can be if you are not careful to keep it away from other people’s faces. Explain that you are responsible for not being hit as well as not hitting people. | stringwillow |
| **Introduction and Activity Opportunities** | **Willow Weaving*** The weaving of soft wood used to be very common post plastic.
* Chairs, baskets, fences etc were made from woven wood and can still be bought today.

**Main Activity –making willow bugs*** Spend a good amount of time showing the children how dangerous the willow can be if you are not careful to keep it away from other people’s faces. Explain that you are responsible for not being hit as well as not hitting people.
* Firstly you have to spend a few minutes stretching the willow so that it doesn’t snap when you try to make it into a ring. This involves bending the willow gently across your leg – slowly and carefully.
* Holding onto the thick end of the willow carefully bend the stick round to make a circle
* When the stick reaches your hand, hold onto it tight and weave the excess willow around the thicker stick. If it is long enough it can be tucked back into the ring otherwise tied back on itself or tied with string.
* This ring can be used for quoits, crowns or the first wing of a bug.
* To make the second wing weave the thick end of the second piece of (stretched) willow along next to the first circle.
* Carry on to make a second circle and weave in the end of the willow to the bug’s body.
* A variation can be make willow stars – see https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/activity/make-a-willow-star
 | **Vocabulary** |
| WillowKnotMeasureReef knotweaving |
| **Plenary** | **Plenary :**What could we make using willow in today’s society? | **Evaluation** |