

Activity: Stick games

Kit needed: sticks, stones, other natural materials, string, scissors

Group/ family size: 2+

Age Group: 2+

Location: this can be done in the garden, local park or woodland

Learning about: shapes, natural materials, textures

Instructions:



Some of the most engaging and entertaining activities are the simplest. Children love to play with a stick and will use their imaginations to make up games. Let them use their creativity or set them a challenge – here are some ideas to use:

Play tic tac toe - find some sticks, make a grid using 4 sticks, find stones in 2 different colours and play.

Make a stick tepee – start by making a small tripod with sticks (find sticks with forks in them to make it easier for them to stand up), then add more sticks, leaving an opening for the door.

Make your own board game using natural materials to create the board. Different coloured stones can be used as counters. Get your children to make up the rules and play the game

Make a stick sword – find a stick and a shorter stick, tie them together to make a cross and play make belief adventure games.

Additional comments:

When you're exploring avoid private property/ land unless you have the landowner's permission Be careful not to disturb wildlife or destroy habitats when exploring, and watch out for stinging insects, brambles and nettles.