

Why is Nature Special? : ESR : Year 1/2

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	To understand how nature can make us feel	In this first lesson, children will talk about what nature is, and how it makes them feel. They will begin to understand that spending time outdoors and experiencing nature is good for our well-being. In their independent activities, children will look at different natural settings, and record how being in this setting would make them feel. Alternatively, children will be challenged to create their own artwork of a natural setting which they would feel happy in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand what nature is? Can they explain how nature makes them feel? Can they identify and explain their favourite type of natural setting? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Natural Settings Picture Cards Worksheet 1A/1B/1C Feelings Word Bank Challenge Cards (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 2	To understand what nature gives us	Children will learn that nature provides us with lots of things that we need in order to survive. They will then focus on the important role that bees play in pollinating the flowers of different plants, and how this provides us with lots of different fruit and vegetables to eat. In their independent activities, children will re-enact or draw pictures to represent the bee's role in pollination. In the alternative activity, children will play a game which assesses their understanding of a bee's role in pollination through answering true or false questions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand that nature provides us with many things that we need in order to live? Can children give some examples of what nature provides us with? Do children know why bees are so important to us? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Pollination Props Pollination Script Worksheet 2A/2B Word Bank Pollination Board Game (FSD? activity only) True or False Cards (FSD? activity only) Bee Counters and Pollen (FSD? activity only) Instructions (FSD? activity only) Dice (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 3	To understand how nature can help us to recycle	Children will learn that everything that was once living will, over time, break down and decay. They will begin to understand that dead plants can be recycled by being used to make compost. Children will explore what compost is, and how it can be made, including the use of worms. In their independent activities, children will 'create' their own compost bin on the worksheets. In the alternative activity, in groups, children will make their own worm farms, observing and recording what happens over a period of time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand that all things that were once living will decay? Do children understand that dead plants and other organic materials can be recycled by nature? Can children explain in simple terms how a compost bin works? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Compost Picture Cards Worksheet 3A/3B/3C Instructions for Making a Worm Farm (FSD? activity only) Worm Farm Diary Template (FSD? activity only)