



Home Tweet Home

Things to Do Together

We are exploring the plants and animals that live in and on trees. Trees are great homes (habitats) for birds, insects, lichens, mammals, and mushrooms. Here are some activities you and your child can do together:

- Visit a park or nature center and look for animals living, hiding, and eating in trees.
- Look at trees in your neighbourhood for signs of wildlife (e.g., holes, nests, scat, nibble marks).
- Watch a tree for several minutes. How many different animals can you find? Look for amphibians, birds, insects, mammals, reptiles, and spiders.
- Make a flour “trap” to see if animals live near your home. On a smooth, flat board, deck, or off-the-beaten-path walkway, place a dusting of flour. Check for footprints the next morning.

→ **Family, Friends, and Forests:** Find out what animals live in our state’s forests.



Make a “bug hotel” to provide shelter for beneficial insects. To attract mason bees (which are gentle pollinators), fill a clean, empty soup can with paper straws cut to approximately 1 cm (¼ inch) shorter than the height of the can. Hang the can horizontally near a tree or bush. Search online for other ideas.

Help build your child’s vocabulary by using some of these new words in your conversations:

We are reading the following books. Check them out from your library, and invite your child to share them with you.

