

Learning together...

Curriculum Area: Visual Art and STEM

Recommended for: 2 years plus

Learning Activity: Going on a leaf hunt

Big Idea:

We can go on adventures just like in the story!

What to do:

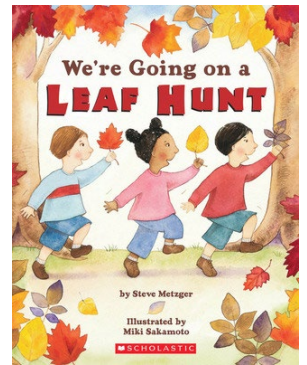
Encourage your child to pick leaves and place them in a basket. As well, to look at the trees and the differences in the leaves.



At home, discuss your child's leaf findings and suggest creating a collage. You will need glue and paper. During the collage, you can talk about the characteristic of the leaves such as colour, size, type and names to stimulate your child's language.

Before you visit the outdoors, you can watch the video of the story book "We're going on a Leaf Hunt", by Steve Metzger. Have fun!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55L21g9v1xw>



Benefits:

Visit outdoors and explore natural environments, encouraging your child to find different types of leaves in your garden, or nearest park. Natural things stimulate children's creativity and imagination, as they can be used in play in many ways. They offer open-ended possibilities and sensory benefit, as they have a variety of textures, sizes and colours.

Links to Early Years Learning Framework:

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners