

# NATURE DISCOVERY

## playspace card

Ignite curiosity for the outdoors and discover a new level of adventure with our Nature Discovery activity. Designed to ignite curiosity and a love for the natural world, this interactive experience encourages children to explore their surroundings, make keen observations, and ask thoughtful questions. As they document their findings, they embark on a journey of discovery, learning to appreciate and understand the environment around them. This activity nurtures inquisitiveness and cultivates a lifelong sense of wonder in every child.

### CREATING THIS SPACE

*we've got you covered*

Browse a curated list of everything we used to create this space on our website!

→ [bellbird.com.au/inspiring-playspaces](https://bellbird.com.au/inspiring-playspaces)

Whether you're topping up your own resource collection or want to purchase the whole playspace, Bellbird has you covered!

### ALL THE RESOURCES YOU NEED

*and where to find them*

→ Looking for some more inspirational Playspace ideas? We've got plenty, head over to the Bellbird site to browse our Inspiring Playspace category and grab you FREE Playspace Cards!

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\*Please note that the photography does not show all items from the resource sets. Purchasing this playspace includes complete sets beyond those displayed.

### OUR HERO PIECES

*in this space*

→ Hand Held Pocket Microscope Set of 6 ([SKU 132424](#))

→ Rattan Picnic Basket ([SKU 137231](#))

→ Rainbow Magnifiers - Set of 6 ([SKU 132441](#))

→ Rainbow Viewers - Set of 6 ([SKU 132442](#))

→ Navir Children's Binoculars ([SKU 130743](#))

→ Navir Children's Telescope ([SKU 130742](#))



Flip over the page for links to the EYLF, Planning Cycle and Implementation/Extension tips



Take some of the guess work out of the 'why' behind the 'what' and let the Bellbird playspace cards help guide you to create engaging and meaningful learning opportunities.



### THE BIGGER THOUGHTS

learning themes and connections

Wondering what topics and themes you might see children exploring whilst engaging in this playspace? Check out some relevant learning themes here:

- ➔ Nature Discovery
- ➔ Sustainability
- ➔ Observation skills
- ➔ Investigation Skills
- ➔ Caring for Country



### PROMOTING THINKING DURING PLAY

engaging with children

Help children to think deeper about the topics you're exploring by engaging with them during play! Use open-ended questions to challenge and develop children's thoughts and ideas about what they're learning. You could ask children:

- ➔ What can you hear on our walk?
- ➔ What can you smell?
- ➔ How many different colours can we see on our walk, should we count them?
- ➔ How can we make sure we are caring for nature whilst on our walk?



### LINKING TO THE LEARNING BEHIND PLAY

possible links to the early years learning framework

You might find children engaging in the following learning outcomes from the EYLF:

- ➔ Learning Outcome 2.4.: Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment
- ➔ Learning Outcome 4.2: Children develop a range of learning and thinking skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating



### EXTENDING PLAY: WHERE TO NEXT

extension ideas and prompts for continued inquiry

- ➔ Encourage children to consider how they care for the world through exploring sustainability practices, such as recycling, repurposing and reusing to reduce waste.
- ➔ Keep discovery resources and clipboard for note taking readily available for children in the outdoor space to encourage curiosity in nature.
- ➔ Start an inquiry into recycling and learn all about where it goes! Watch the video below and listen to the children's podcast!
  - <https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/early-education/sustainability-and-nature/recycling/11970636>
  - <https://www.abc.net.au/kidslisten/programs/imagine-this/where-do-our-recycled-items-go/10199558>



### EVALUATING EXPERIENCES

prompts for critical reflection

- ➔ What worked well and why? What will I do differently next time?
- ➔ What feedback did children give, and how can I include their voices in future experiences?



### MORE INSPIRATION

Want some more guidance and ideas on engaging environments? We've got you covered!

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