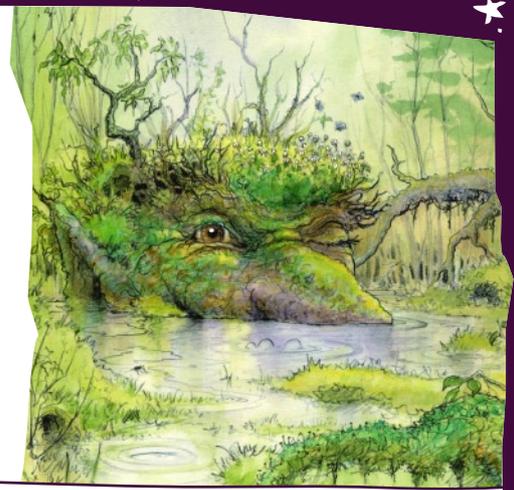


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Design a FarTree Shoe - Creative activity designing shoes for the FarTree.

Design a shoe to hang on the FarTree! The Thornyclod Spider is always looking for new and exciting shoes to collect from the FarTree. Look at the shoes already hanging up for inspiration and ideas.

Worksheet required? No.

Children's learning objectives

- To collect visual and other information to help them develop their ideas
- To identify different types of shoes
- To identify the parts of a shoe and their purposes
- To identify visual qualities which appeal to them
- To experiment with observations of line, shape, colour and texture.

What you will need

- A camera - to take lots of pictures of the shoes already hanging in the FarTree (or even the shoes the children are wearing!). These photos could then be used to help you when you review the activity back at school.

Groupings

This activity can be completed in pairs (with accompanying adults for assistance).

Activity

- Gather as a group below the FarTree. Ask the children questions, such as 'how many different styles of footwear can they see? Discuss in pairs, then as a large group. How many shoes does the Thornyclod Spider have? What do the children think it uses each one for?
- In pairs, begin planning a design for a FarTree shoe. Ask the children to think about who is going to wear the shoe, what type of shoe it is and when the shoe will be worn



- Think about the different types of ground or weather the shoe would be used in and the best material to cope with this environment
- Think about the shape and style of the design. What colour will it be? What materials will be used? What size will each shoe need to be?
- Ask the children to sketch their ideas. At least three ideas per pair of children
- Ask the children to choose their favourite idea and develop it further.

Review the activity

- Discuss the designs as a group. How many different types of shoes have been designed? Who have the shoes been designed for? (other than a Thornyclod!)

Further activities for the classroom

- Make a visual display of all the shoes, including notes explaining the key design features, the type of material they could be made from and who the shoes are designed for
- Ask the children to make a model of their shoe. If possible, try using the actual materials they could be made from
- Why not make your own FarTree as a whole class? You could hang the shoes the children have designed on it and make it a special place for reflection, or a quiet place to sit and read.

The Thornyclod Spider is always looking for new shoes, so feel free to send in photographs and drawings of the children's shoe designs (and FarTree, if you make one). We may even publish some on our website!

