Nature Detective Badge

Observing and Learning

Objective
- To engage with nature by learning about Ghadira Nature Reserve and the species which are found there
- To learn more about Maltese nature and become familiar with common birds that are found in Malta
- To learn about animal interactions
- To appreciate wildlife in a natural setting

Compulsory
- Visit Ghadira Nature Reserve
- Visit two different habitats found in Malta such as sandy sea shore, rocky sea shore, forest, sand dune, garigue, wetland
- Observe and learn about the wildlife that lives there by creating scrap books to record your findings

Choice: choose 3 options
- Participate in an outdoor scavenger hunt
- Learn about how predators and prey interact through a series of games*
  - Camouflage game
  - Animal tracks and signs
  - Stealth game
  - Bat and moth
- Search for the wildlife that lives in the natural habitat you visit and tick it off the list when you find it- ID sheets are available online*
- Learn about the sounds that animals make and play a game of animal pairs
- Learn about how food chains work in Maltese nature
- Take part in a photography competition by taking photos during your visit to different habitats

*Additional Resources online

Individual Tasks
- Tell your friends, family or class at school about your visit to Ghadira Nature Reserve. You could:
  - Show photographs of your visit
  - Talk to them about your favorite part of the visit or describe your favorite animal or plant that you saw
  - Show them Ghadira Nature Reserve by taking them to visit
- Find a common species of bird outside (not caged) such as the Spanish Sparrow, observe them and draw a picture of your observations or write a record of what they did

To book your visit to Ghadira Nature Reserve:
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