Nature Explorer Badge

Exploring and Connecting

Objective

- To explore nature through visiting a BirdLife Malta nature reserve
- To be confident in being in the outdoors
- To connect to nature by realising what a special and exciting place it can be

Compulsory

- Visit Simar Nature Reserve
- Explore a natural space close to your Guide centre
  - Go for a walk in the countryside and observe 3 special characteristics of that place OR
  - Play outside using natural materials such as trees, sticks, leaves, pine cones

Choice: choose 3 options

- Participate in a nature art activity such as:
  - Bark rubbings
  - Creating a picture from natural materials on the ground
  - Use natural dyes such as beetroot or charcoal to create a painting
  - Use natural materials such as pinecones to create a hanging mobile
  - Create a natural wind chime using sticks and leaves
- Learn how to use binoculars and spend some time birdwatching at Simar Nature reserve or your own natural space
- Take photos of your visit to Simar Nature Reserve or your natural space and create a collage of the photos together
- Participate in a treasure hunt in a forest
- Use a magnifying lens to see wildlife up close
- Explore with your senses
  - Magnifying lens: Sight
  - Silent listening: Sounds
  - Nature cocktails: Smell
  - Blindfold exploration: Touch
  - New fruit tasting: Taste

*Additional Resources online

Individual Tasks

- Tell either your family, friends or class at school about your visit to Simar Nature reserve: You could
  - Draw them a picture
  - Talk to them about what you did and if you learnt anything
  - Show them by taking them to visit Simar Nature Reserve
- Play outside with your friends in a natural place such as Buskett
  - You could build a den for you or for insects
  - Look after a plant and watch it grow, tell your Dolphin Group about your plant

To book your visit to Simar Nature Reserve:

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