

Wind Chime

A wind chime adds an extra sensory element to your garden. Use a rainy day for your gardening club to create wind chimes and mobiles using recycled items or natural materials.

What you need:

- A selection of recycled items (keys, CDs, beads, buttons)
- A selection of natural materials (pine cones, shells, twigs)
- Scissors
- String

What to do:

1. Provide children with books and access to the Internet to research different wind chime designs.
2. Ask the children to select a base for their wind chime. The other materials will be attached to this base so it should be both sturdy and large enough to fit the chimes on.
3. Ask the children to then select the materials they will use for their chimes. These could be all natural materials, all recycled materials or a mixture.
4. Encourage the children to think about how their choices will sound and look as they move in the breeze.
5. Provide string and scissors for the children to attach their chimes to their base.
6. Display the wind chimes around the school garden.



Ways to extend this activity: Children could make wind socks to investigate weather patterns. Children could use this activity as part of a project on sound and could investigate how they hear the different wind chimes.

National Curriculum Links: Identify which part of the body is associated with each sense. Observe and describe the weather. Identify and compare the suitability of different materials for particular uses. Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. Design purposeful, functional and appealing products. Select from and use a range of materials according to their characteristics.