



EARTH EXPLORERS

Visual Arts Summer Programme 21 June – 15 August 2009

Celebrate World Environment Day 5th June!
'Your Planet Needs You – UNite to Combat Climate Change'

Let's Explore Natural Sculpture!

Many gardens have sculptures in them. Outdoor sculptures help to make gardens more interesting to look at. Can you think of any you may have seen?

After a long time, plants like mosses and vines can grow all over and cover outdoor sculptures. Some gardeners even trim their hedges and trees to look like animals or even people.

Sculpture Gardens are gardens that have a lot of amazing sculptures in them. You can follow a path of sculptures around these gardens. Some of these sculptures are made of natural materials such as wood and earth which change over time.

Why not make your own natural sculpture to grow seeds in?

Note to teacher: Why not search for sculpture gardens on the internet and find out if there are any near where you live? Discuss different natural sculpture and the types of materials that can be used.



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Earth Explorers Visual Art Idea: Make your own Growing Sculpture

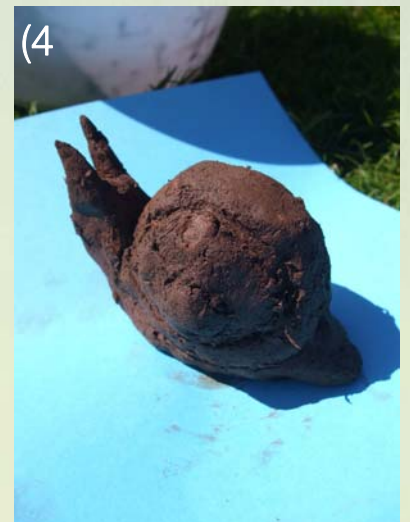
Make a wildflower sanctuary disguised as a modelled animal.

Materials you will need:

- A mixing bowl
- 2 sheets of old newspapers
- Warm water
- A small hand full of clay
- A hand full of compost
- A selection of seeds (wildflowers/watercress)

How to make:

- 1) Tear the newspaper into the bowl and add the warm water. **(Picture 1)**
- 2) Mix the newspaper into a pulp then add a little clay and the compost. **(Picture 2)**
- 3) Roll the mixture into a ball, flatten and add the seeds. **(Picture 3)**
- 4) With your hands sculpt the mixture into an animal that you might find in the garden; a bird, frog etc. **(Picture 4)**



Every day drizzle a few drops of water on the sculpture. Watch your natural sculpture grow! Why not even photograph it as it changes?