

# **JOHN MUIR SCRAPBOOK**

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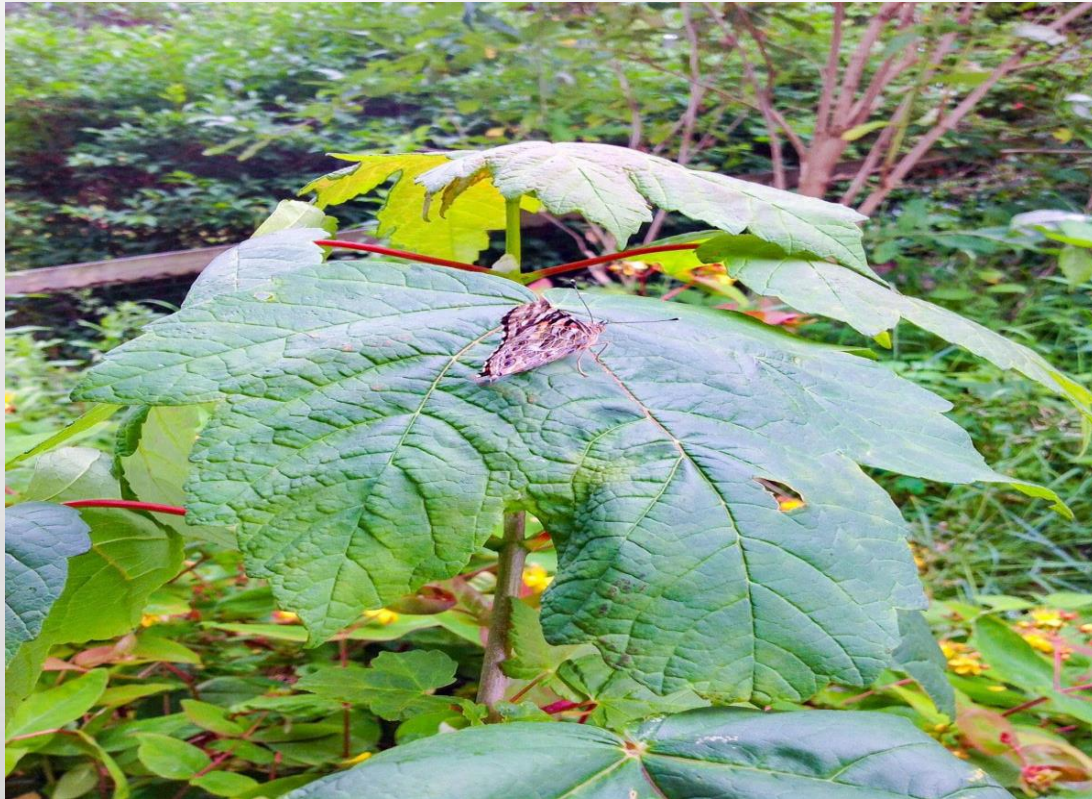
# OUR AREA



**We have lots of rocky areas in the nursery. These areas are perfect for the children to explore in-between and look for insects and mini beasts.**

**The children often use these rocks to stack and balance on top of each other as well as other natural resources such as twigs and leaves.**

# WHAT WE FOUND



**We often have lots of insects visit the garden area in the nursery such as butterflies. This is one we have found.**

**We took photos of the butterfly and then we went to research about it. This type of butterfly is known as a 'Speckled Wood' as a caterpillar it likes to eat grass but as a butterfly it feeds on the honey dew which is left on larger leaves.**

# WHAT WE FOUND



**We were lucky to be able to hold a butterfly!**

**We all made sure that we were very careful with the butterfly and ensured that the butterfly was not harmed in anyway. We made sure that the butterfly went back to the leaf where we found it!**

# WHAT WE DID



**We wanted to read the hungry caterpillar book and we also used the experience to learn about the life cycle of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly.**

# WHAT WE DID



**To encourage more insects and mini beasts into our garden area we created a 'Bug Hotel' for all the insects to come and sleep in.**

**We used lots of materials which we already had in the nursery and made sure there was lots of little places for insects to hide.**

# WHAT WE DID



**We wanted to collect natural materials to fill the 'Bug Hotel' up with.**

**We made sure that the children understood that it was important to use the natural materials that had already fallen off the trees and the plants to be more sustainable.**

**The children wanted to use this mulch to keep the insects warm!**

# WHAT WE DID



**When we were exploring our area we did not see many birds.**

**When we asked the children what they thought we could do to make the birds come to the garden they said about leaving food for them.**

**We made bird feeders with the children and hung them around different parts of the garden.**

# WHAT WE DID



**We used branches from trees that had previously broken off a tree during a storm to create a den area for the children to play.**

**The children loved to play in the den while being reminded that we shouldn't purposely break off branches to do this sort of activity.**

# WHAT WE DID



**We use lots of the natural resources from around the garden that have already fallen or broken off trees and plants to enhance the children's small world play.**

**The children love to see these materials with their figures which gives a real life experience to their play. They also love to feel the different textures of the materials and explore the colours and smells.**

