



Talking and Listening

Curriculum links/skills

Talking and listening
Story telling
Close observation
Fine motor/knot tying
Biodiversity

**Any age –
younger will
need support
with knot tying**

Link to video lesson: <https://youtu.be/Bam0wUUkSuA>

Description of activity

To make a story or journey stick, which has its origins with Australian Aboriginals, we will first choose a suitable stick and attach a piece of string or wool to one end of it. The story of our journey will then be built up from things we find along our route to remind us of where we have been and what we have seen. Our journey can then be recalled, our finds described or used as props to tell an imaginative story. This activity also helps to build familiarity with the natural environment and appreciation of what is in it.

Resources needed

School grounds or woodland area, where there are loose natural parts to be found
Supply of sticks if none available in area – about 60 cm long and 2-3 cm diameter
Wool/string pieces about 80 cm long (more than one per child).

Safety considerations

- Beforehand check the area for anything that shouldn't be there and might cause harm
- Set boundaries of area if allowing free exploring - can be a fence/path/tree. Rule must always be able to see/hear you.
- Children to walk only, carrying stick vertically with care
- Not choose parts of living plants or creatures
- Care to avoid anything sharp/stingy/spikey, litter, poo and fungi

