



Create and name a place for nature



Stage: 0-4



Time: 1-5 hours

Introduction: We would like you to find a space for nature in your grounds or local area. Plan how you will look after this area to help nature thrive. Then give the space a name in English, Gaelic and Scots that reflects the plants and wildlife you might find there.

Curriculum links

HWB 0-4-13a, **LGL** 0-4-07a, 0-4-11a, **SOC** 0-4-08a, **TCH** 0-4-05a

Learning for Sustainability links

Target 2030 4Cs – Community and Campus

SDGs – Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), Goal 15 (Life on Land)

UNCRCs – Article 24 (Health, Water, Food and Environment), Article 29 (Aims of Education)

Meta skills – Initiative, Collaborating, Creativity



Entering the prize draw

Submit a photo of your place for nature, along with the name you have given it by Tuesday 19 May at 9.30am via our [online form](#).

Prizes (three available): a £200 National Garden Voucher and a £100 voucher to spend online at [Muddy Faces](#).

Winners will be selected by random draw and announced during our Natural Scotland Week assembly on Tuesday 19 May at 11am.

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Creating a place for nature

Ask pupils to work through the tasks below to create a place for nature.

1. Go for a walk around your grounds or local area and find a space where you could make a place for nature. This could be a little used corner, an area of grass that could be left to grow long or some bare soil.
2. Make a list of what is lacking in your chosen area that you need to add. Remember, all living things need food, water and shelter.
3. Decide what you will do to help nature thrive in your space. For example, planting wildlife friendly flowers/plants, creating a log/rock pile, creating a water source or asking for grass to be left to grow long. [The Garden for Life leaflet](#) has a picture of a wildlife friendly garden to help if you need ideas.
4. Make a plan for what you will do to make your chosen area a haven for nature, including tasks to do, materials you will need, who will help you and when you will do each task.
5. Don't forget to include a plan for how you will protect and maintain your place for nature. This may involve talking to whoever oversees the area to make sure they don't damage any plantings, use chemicals or mow grass.

Naming your place for nature

Once you have chosen your place for nature, it's time to give it a name. The name could include what nature you can see from your place, what animals you have seen close by and / or what plants are growing nearby.

Translate your chosen name so that you have a version in English, Gaelic and Scots. You can use these online dictionaries to help you:

- [Gaelic dictionary](#)
- [Scots dictionary](#)

Go further by finding out if any of the Gaelic and Scots words you used have interesting meanings when translated into English. For example, spider in Gaelic is damhan-allaidh, which translates as savage little cow and in Scots spider is ether-cap, which means poison head.

Make a signpost with your chosen name in all three languages to display near your place for nature so everyone knows it is being looked after.