

HomeTalk

Thoughtful Conversations for Families and Schools

Issue 29 – Nature

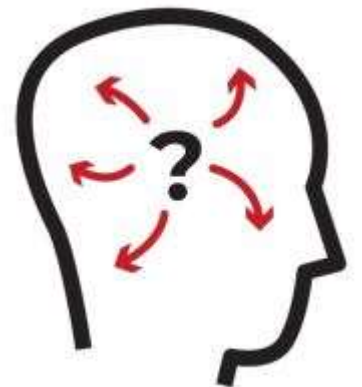
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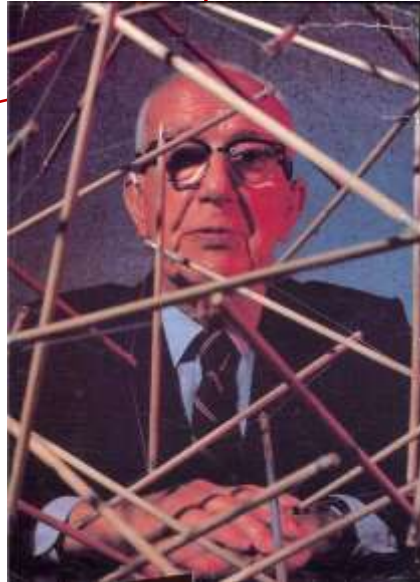
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This week's focus is nature

“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly”

Richard Buckminster Fuller -
designer



“The breaking of a wave cannot explain the whole sea”

Vladimir Nabokov – author



“Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished”

Lao Tzu - philosopher



Caring thinking

- If we look after nature, will it look after us?

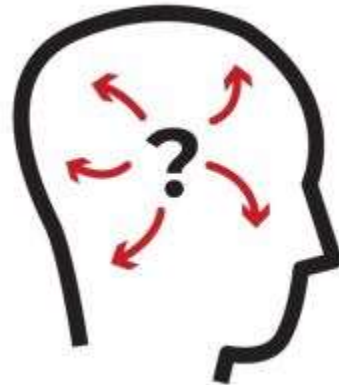


Collaborative thinking

- Why is humanity finding it so hard to work together to protect our planet?

Creative thinking

- Can you think of something in your life that does not, ultimately, come from nature?



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Critical thinking

- How can we put a value on nature?
Should we even try?

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Think AHEAD

What will nature give you next year?



Think BACK

What's the most dramatic natural event you can remember?



CONNECT

Can you think of a connection between the sun and your mobile phone?



DIVIDE

What's the difference between natural and man-made?



LISTEN/LOOK

What's your favourite sound in nature?



ZOOM (in/out)

What's inside a flower?

Do you like to look at the stars?

HomeTalk discussion suggestions

For age 3 – 5 years



Trees and wood: there are about 50 times as many trees in the world as people. The oldest trees are thousands of years old. One yew tree in Wales is over 4,000 years old. Wood was one of the first materials used by humans.

Talking Points

- How do we get the spoon from the tree?
- What other things made from wood can you find?
- How do trees help humans, apart from giving us wood to make things from?
- Would you like to plant a tree? Why, or why not?

Activity

- Say, *I spy something that comes from wood* and see how long it takes other people to guess. The first one to guess gets the next turn.
- You could also say *something that comes from the earth, or the sea, or the sky*, or other natural things.

HomeTalk discussion suggestions

For age 6 – 9 years



<https://youtu.be/sy3JFm1A02s>

Singapore approves sale of cell-cultured meat – The Straits Times: last week, Singapore gave the world's first regulatory approval for so-called clean meat that does not come from slaughtered animals. Scientists grew the meat in a laboratory.

Talking Points

- Does the chicken in the video look tasty enough to eat?
- How would you feel about eating meat that didn't come from an animal?
- What's good and what's bad about this meat?
- Is it really chicken if it didn't start life as an egg?

Activity

- Find 5 different sorts of food or drink in your home or at school.
- Arrange them in a line from *most natural* to *most man-made*. See if your friends or family agree with the order you have put them in.

HomeTalk discussion suggestions

For ages 10+ years

£100,000,000,000,000



Biodiversity – OECD report: one of the world’s top economic forecasters estimates that nature contributes services to humanity worth £100 trillion every year. That’s a gift of over £10,000 a year to every single person in the world.

[Link to OECD report](#)

Talking Points

- What are some of the ways in which nature gives humans valuable services?
- If someone gave you £10,000, how would you spend it?
- How should we show nature our appreciation for its gifts to humanity?

Activity

- Take one of your favourite possessions – anything you like.
- Draw a diagram, or make a mind-map, to show the different ways in which it links back to nature ?

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