

Wellies in the Woods | At Home!

Story time!

Use a story for inspiration, play or learning - or just to enjoy a good book together. Here are some of our Wellies in the Woods favourites along with some activity ideas to get you started...

Stick Man by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

» Make your own stick man or stick family.

Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

» Make a leaf crown, mini fairy den or magic wand.

Percy the Park Keeper by Nick Butterworth

» Spot signs of the season or become a nature detective – there are many free nature spotter guides available online.

» Make a den for a soft toy.

Super Worm by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

» Super worm colouring sheet.

» Look for bugs or try a garden or indoor scavenger hunt.

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

» Make a mouse mask or a clay creature.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

» Camouflage caterpillars game - use bits of wool, string or cloth to make pretend caterpillars, hide them and see how quickly they can all be found.

» Make a cress caterpillar to grow at home.

We're going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury

» Hide soft toys in the garden or house and go on a family bear hunt.

» Make a garden or house den to hide in.



Wellies in the Woods is a programme developed by community charity Groundwork East with a range of activities to encourage outdoor play for parents and children. Now more than ever, as we self-isolate, the power of being outdoors and in nature to help us feel better is crucial. For some families it may not be possible to spend regular time outdoors, but we hope that this information will provide some inspiration for indoor or outdoor play and learning during these challenging times.

Have a go...

Story example: Stick Man

1. Read the story together or listen to Axel Scheffler reading online.
2. Try making your own stick man – use sticks if you have them in the garden or use anything you can find in the house e.g. paper straws. Use long grass or some string to tie together.
3. What could you use to make your stick man some clothes or a hat?
4. Can you make a stick family?
5. Lots of other creatures make their homes from sticks or twigs. Can you make a birds nest from twigs?
6. For more stick themed activity ideas visit the Woodland Trust.





Official book websites

Many popular children's books have a dedicated website with story readings and free activities to try at home:

Stick Man

Stick Man - reading by Axel Scheffler

Room on the Broom

The Gruffalo

The Bear Hunt - reading by Michael Rosen

Wellies in the woods activities are aimed at pre-school age children, but many activities can be adapted to suite a wide range of ages.

Activities: ideas and resources

[Wellies in the Woods](#) - Groundwork East's resources and videos.

[Book Trust](#) - search for a book to see what resources are available that are linked to the story that you are reading e.g 'superworm'.

[Gruffalo.com](#) - lots of free activities and resources – not just the Gruffalo!

[Wildlife Watch](#) - lots of activities that you can use at home or adapt to a garden setting.

[Woodland Trust](#) - ideas and free resources.

[Folksy](#) - colour and create your own wildlife garden spotter cards.

[Cultivate whilst you isolate](#) – Groundwork East's tips and ideas for growing at home.

[Eco-schools](#) - lots of eco themed activities suitable for a range of ages.

[Learning through Landscapes](#) - ideas that you can adapt to suit the garden or home.

Nature apps:

There are lots of great nature aps available for smart phones and tablets.

[BBC](#) has great list of the best ones.



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