



# Wild at Heart



## Kids Nature Club



# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Wild at Heart, where nature is our classroom and every child is an explorer in the making!

At Wildlife Reimagined, we believe the natural world is the best place for curiosity to bloom. Our mission is to nurture a lifelong love for nature by helping children connect, play, and learn in the great outdoors.

This term, we'll be exploring our '**Amazing Earth**'. Together, we'll journey through the elements that shape our world — from the solid ground beneath our feet to the whispering winds and the fiery heart of volcanoes. Each week highlights a new element through playful exploration, sensory discovery, and creative, nature-based activities.

Join us as we adventure through the wonders of our planet — making memories, forging friendships, and inspiring the next generation of nature lovers, one muddy footprint at a time.

# Week 1: What Lies Beneath

**Synopsis:** Let's dig into the wonders of soil, rocks, and roots! Children will explore what lives and grows beneath the surface, discovering textures, colours, and creatures of the earth. Through digging, sorting, and creating, they'll connect to the ground that sustains all life.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Meet a variety of minibeasts that live underground.
- Soil Explorers: Dig, scoop, and sift through soil to uncover hidden treasures.
- Earth Art: Use clay, soil, and natural pigments to paint.
- Edible Earth Layers: Dig into the science of the soil – with your taste buds! Children will build layered “soils” using ingredients like cake, crushed cookies, coconut, and fruit to represent rocks, sand, and organic matter.

**Location:** Black Mountain Peninsula Nature Reserve

**Note:** Expect muddy hands! Please dress appropriately for outdoor exploration, including comfortable clothes, closed-toe shoes, and sun protection. Be prepared to engage in hands-on activities that may involve gentle handling of minibeasts.



# Week 2: Raindrops and Rivers

**Synopsis:** Splash, pour, and play your way through the magic of water. Children will learn how water shapes our world and helps plants and animals grow. They'll experiment with floating, sinking, and movement through water-based discovery play.

The following activities may be offered:

- Underwater Hunt: make a water scope for viewing aquatic life
- Float or Sink?: Test leaves, sticks, and stones in shallow tubs.
- Nature Boats: Build and race mini rafts from bark and leaves.
- Rain Art: Create watery paint effects using spray bottles or drips.
- Drops of life: make a water station to take home for bees.

**Location:** Weston Park

**Note:** Bring a towel, spare clothes, and a hat – we may get splashed!



# Week 5: Up in the Air

**Synopsis:** This breezy week explores the invisible power of air. Children will discover how wind moves, feel it on their skin, and use it to create playful movement and art. Through running, chasing, and experimenting, they'll explore how air gives motion to our world.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Meet some animals that can fly!
- Nature Kites: Create simple leaf or paper kites to catch the breeze.
- Bubble Chase: Blow and chase bubbles, learning how air moves them along.
- Nature wings: Using birds and insects for inspiration, create your very own pair of wings using natural materials.
- Conduct a raincloud experiment: Manipulating materials like water, shaving cream (for clouds), and food colouring stimulates multiple senses (sight, touch, and sometimes smell), enhancing the learning experience and making it more memorable.

**Location:** National Arboretum

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# Week 4: When the Earth Rumbles

**Synopsis:** Explore the fiery forces that shape our Earth! Children will learn about volcanoes and how fire can both create and transform. Through bright colours, warmth, and simple science, they'll safely discover how heat and energy move through our planet.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Mini Volcano Eruptions: Bicarb soda and vinegar eruptions with natural colouring.
- The floor is Lava: Obstacle course hopping over “lava rivers”
- Rock Builders: Build volcano shapes from sand and stones.
- Fire Art: Paint or collage using reds, oranges, and yellows from nature.
- Burst of colour: create your own mini fireworks using baking soda and vinegar.

**Location:** Dulwa Beach

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# Week 5: A Trip Around the Sun

**Synopsis:** Discover the changing moods of our planet! This week, children will explore how the Earth's seasons bring new colours, sounds, and life to nature. Through play, art, and movement, they'll experience what happens as the weather shifts from summer sunshine to winter chill, celebrating the beauty of change all around us.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Meet a variety of colourful minibeasts.
- Colour Hunt: Engage in a scavenger hunt to find natural objects matching specific colours, promoting observation and discovery.
- Seasonal Sensory Bins: Four separate sensory bins, each representing a different season. Children can explore textures, colours, and natural materials.
- Seasonal Nature Snow Globes: Children create their own mini “snow globes” to represent a season.
- Painting the Seasons: Children use natural paints or washable paints to explore the colours of each season.

**Location:** Weston Park

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# Week 6: Zoom to the Stars

**Synopsis:** Zoom out and see our planet from the stars! In our final week, children will discover that Earth is one of many planets orbiting the sun. They'll use creativity and imagination to build their own mini worlds and celebrate our special home in space.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Blast off: decorate and launch your own rockets!
- Cosmic Parade: Travel through the solar system to search for planets in the universe.
- Bedrock: learn how craters appear on the moon and create your own.
- Ping pong planet: create your own light planet using ping pong balls.

**Location:** Black Mountain Peninsula Nature Reserve

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