



BUILD A YETI DEN

BUILDING YOUR FIRST YETI DEN TOGETHER

Before you start to talk about building a den with your children think of a space in the house or in their room where you won't have to take your den down at the end of the day. Having a small space available that your child can retreat to can be invaluable in helping them feel secure and take time to think, as well as giving you a tool to deliver learning in a fun and enjoyable way.

GATHER YOUR MATERIALS

Work with your children to gather a pile of potential building material and talk about how you might make your structure big enough to play inside. How can you make it comfortable? How can you make it sturdy? Clothes pegs and hairbands are great tools to secure sheets and blankets!



DIVE IN !



Working together to build your den is a great way of helping your children see that learning outside school with you can be fun!

No one is watching or assessing your den building abilities - let go and dive in. You'll probably surprise yourself on how much you enjoy the experience and your children will LOVE you joining in with collaborative play.

CUSTOMISE YOUR DEN

Use some of our other Yeti resource sheets to help you customise your den. Be aware, that it might be really tempting to take over, but listening to your children's ideas and following them through will build their confidence and communication skills, especially when you support them to expand on their designs and plan them through.

For each of our resources we've included information on our website linked to Curriculum For Excellence 'Experiences and Outcomes'. These show some of the learning opportunities offered by an activity - **NOT** what your child should be able to do through taking part.

These planning guides, used by teachers, are included to show that creative, fun activities are important tools for learning.

