



Tony and Holly's Big Adventure

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Teacher Resources

Book 1

Idea Bank 1 Talk about...

- **finding out about things**

For example, how could we find out about:

- next weekend's weather;
- life in another country; or
- how people come to school (bus, walk, car, bicycle)?

Focus on all the different ways people find information.

Idea Bank 2 Have a go at...

- **'Blind Man's Bluff'**

Some children are blindfolded and have to make their way slowly through an obstacle course. Other children provide clues in the form of sounds, smells and touch. You could give the blindfolded children some instructions and allow them to ask questions to help them reach the end. Later, discuss the types of information that were most useful and the questions that helped them reach the finish line.

Idea Bank 3 Investigate...

- **using maps**

Look at a map of a forest park or town centre, and try to find out new information about it.

Provide a map of the school or a familiar place and add new information to it, using symbols.

- **your nearest forest park or area of special scientific interest**

Discuss the following:

- Why should these areas be protected?
- Who are the best navigators: animals or humans?

- **directions**

Make signs that say 'North', 'South', 'East' and 'West'. Use a compass to put them in the right places in your room.

Useful Websites (click on the titles to follow the link)

Northern Ireland Forest Service

There is a forest within 10 miles of most schools in Northern Ireland. Book a visit to one of these 113 forests, where there will be a Forest Service Guide to help you experience the forest environment.

See also this downloadable resource on **Red Squirrels in Northern Ireland**. Although aimed at Key Stage 2, this resource contains useful information about the decline of red squirrels and what we can do to help them.

The Woodland Trust

This website features a range of interactive and downloadable resources. *Nature Detectives* equips children to identify plants and animals and enables them to record signs of seasonal change. This helps build a UK-wide picture of how climate change is affecting our environment.

Northern Ireland Orienteering Association

This includes up-to-date information about local events.