

Nature Near You

Journal Prompt:

What can we do better to protect our natural world?

Animal of the Week: Red Squirrel



Red squirrels are one of the native squirrel species in British Columbia. They eat a variety of seeds, nuts, berries, and leaves, which they gather and store for later. Their food-gathering habits help spread plant seeds so new plants can grow and thrive. These creatures are skillful foragers, and are even known to hang fungi over tree branches in the fall to dry so their food lasts longer during the winter!

At Home Activity: 5-Day Sprouts

What you need:

- Plastic zip top bag
- A paper towel
- A few bean seeds (any kind)

How to:

1. Take your paper towel and fold it so it will fit inside your plastic zip top bag. Once your paper towel is folded, wet it and place it into the bag.
2. Grab 3-4 beans and place them in the bag on top of the wet paper towel.
3. Put your plastic bag near a window, and in about 5 days your bean should germinate and begin to sprout!

Other Resources:

Indoor & Outdoor Scavenger Hunt: Inside out fun! Check out this scavenger hunt that will lead you to find interesting things both in and out of your home. <https://buff.ly/2Aix3M0>

Learn about Soil Erosion with this Experiment: Understand the importance of vegetation covering soil with this hands-on science experiment! <https://www.lifeisagarden.co.za/soil-erosion-experiment/#.U3uAtVhdVmc>