

# Nature Near You



## Journal Prompt:

What element of nature speaks to you the most? Why?



## Animal of the Month: Big Brown Bat



The Big Brown Bat is a species of bat that is found all across North America in many different habitats, from deserts to forests, meadows, and even cities. These creatures love to use their echolocation skills to eat insects, and beetles are known as their favourite snack. Big brown bats are known to be the fastest species of bat, and can fly up to 40 km per hour!

## At Home Activity: Nature Prints

What you need:

- Play-doh, modeling clay, or any other type of clay.
- Natural objects like leaves, pine cones, or flowers.

How to:

1. Gather interesting natural objects like leaves, pine cones, flowers, or anything else you can find.
2. Form your clay into a ball and press it into a flat disc shape.
3. Press your natural objects firmly into the clay.
4. Slowly remove your natural object from your clay and reveal the nature print underneath!
5. Optional: If you are using air dry clay, let dry and preserve your print!

## Other Resources:

**Easy Winter Crafts for Kids:** Lots of ideas for winter craft activities for your family to enjoy and get into the seasonal spirit! <https://www.happinessishomemade.net/easy-winter-kids-crafts-that-anyone-can-make/>

**10 Ways to Help Kids Fall in Love with Being Outside:** Inspire the youth in your life to appreciate the great outdoors! <https://buff.ly/1rtYV62>