



Micro journeys & maps

7 years and over

You will need: String or wool a few metres long, masking tape and a pen to create small flags for landmarks, a varied landscape indoors or outside

Mark out your own miniature route from an ant's point of view and make a map of its journey.

Take a length of string.

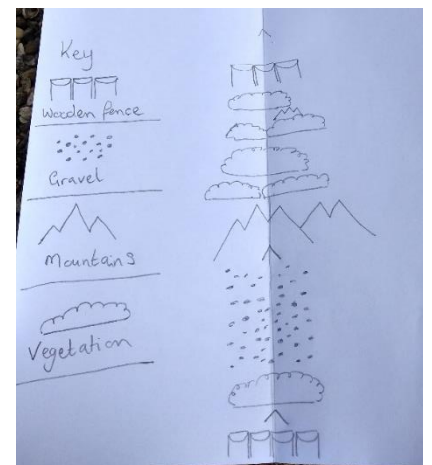
Lay the string out across a small stretch of varied terrain.

Get down low to the ground and examine the 'route' that the string takes from an ant's point of view.

Use your imagination to give landmarks interesting names, marked with short twigs and masking tape labels.



Can you make a line map of the journey, using symbols of what is seen along the route?



Write or record an account of the ant's epic journey.

Alternatively, use your sense of touch. Once an adult has checked the area is free from sharp or harmful objects, feel your way around the mini landscape, like an animal does at night-time. Then, using collected materials like grass or pebbles and other resources you may have, create a collage of the area. You can 'walk' your fingers along the route and tell the story of the ant's adventure.



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