Creating spaces for nature
Bring nature back
Wildlife gardens in schools: Why?

- Nature is under threat! Act to increase urban biodiversity!
- Great for plants and for the animals and minibeasts that live there
- Green spaces boost health and well-being
- Learning through nature contributes to the holistic development of children
- Connecting children with nature will instil care for the environment
- Nature offers a variety of learning opportunities for all ages
- Early years, especially, need the sensory, experiential and hands-on approach that nature offers
Wildlife gardens: What to consider

- Plants: ideally choose native species and include plenty of pollinator-friendly plants
- Water: make sure there is a water source for hot days and animals visiting the garden
- Ponds: can provide wildlife rich habitats
- Homes: create homes for various creatures, such as a bee hotel, bug hotel, bird nest boxes
- Large trees: provide perches and nesting sites for birds
- Paths: to walk and enjoy!
Make homes for wildlife!
St Michael’s is a small school in Malta surrounded by concrete with no access to soft land. They succeeded to improve the little space they have and enable teachers and students to carry out learning through nature.

They have managed to:
- Design quality spaces for education
- Create habitats for nature
Design phase
Teacher training
Welcoming wildlife
More wildlife

More creativity
Growing plants, exploring seeds
Learning through nature - science
Learning through nature - maths
St Joseph School Blata I-Bajda is a church school in Malta which had an abandoned plot of soil, restored now back to life!

They have managed to:

❖ Create a wildlife garden to increase urban biodiversity
❖ Create a recreational and relaxing space for students
❖ Carry out learning through nature
Design phase
Plan and implementation
Before and after
Esplora Science Centre in Malta decided to have a sensory wildlife garden for students visiting:

They have managed to:
- Improve biodiversity
- Discover science and nature together
Before and after
Bring children and nature together!
Be the next school to create a wildlife garden!

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