

Insect Hotels

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In this two-part resource exploring making and drawing, students will have the opportunity to create insect hotels using natural materials sourced from their local area. They will go on to create drawings inspired by their insect hotels, experimenting with different materials and mark-making. This activity can be adapted for age groups and can be linked to curriculum topics in science such as mini beasts and habitats. [Become a member](#) to access the full post below.



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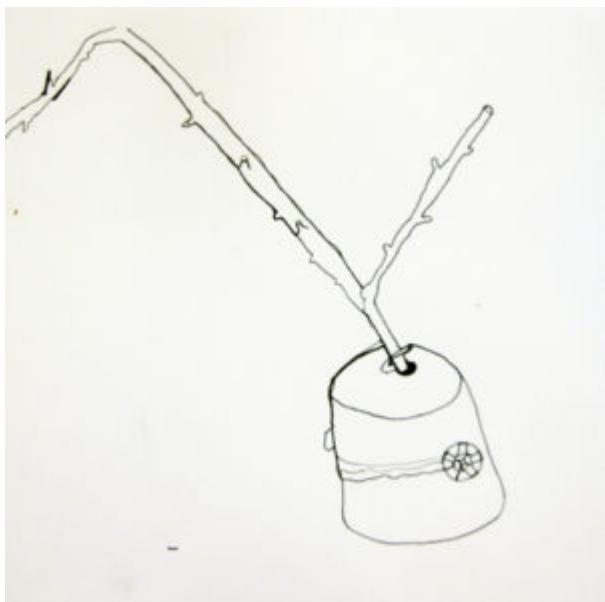
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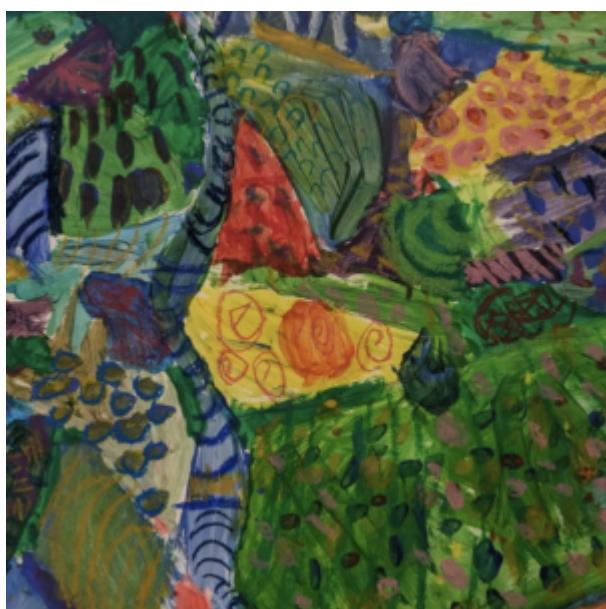
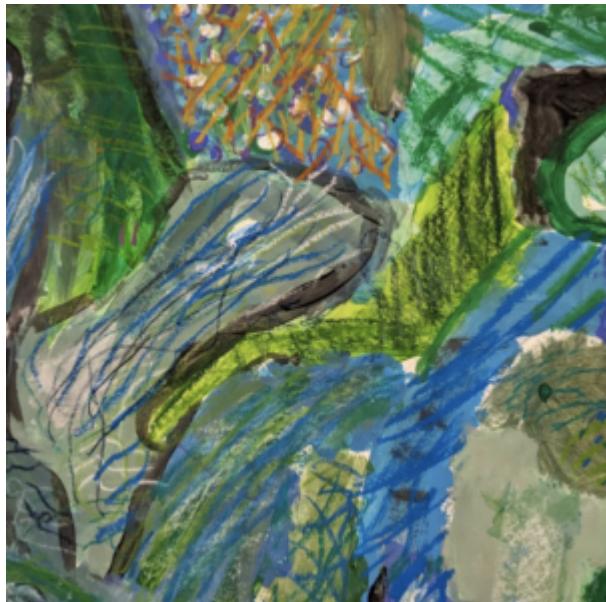


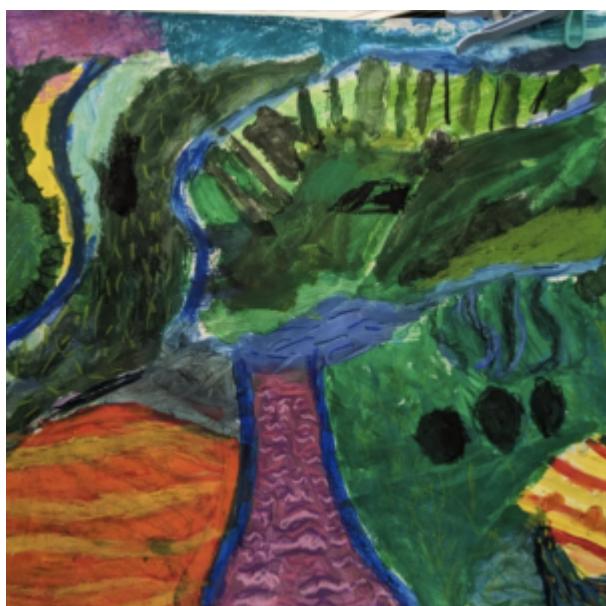
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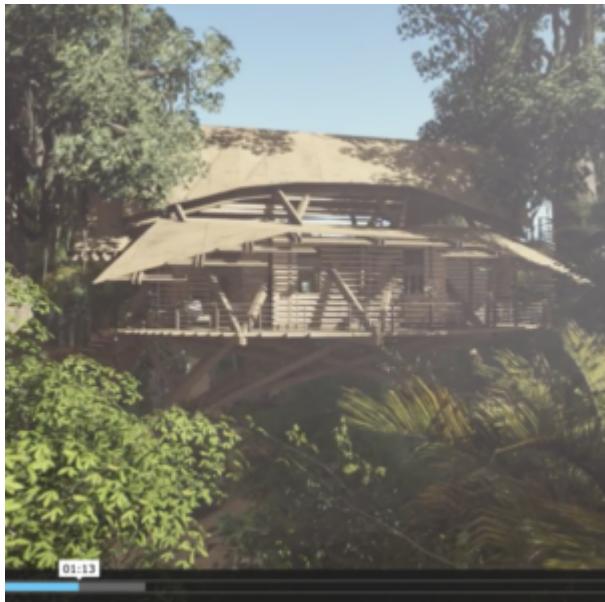
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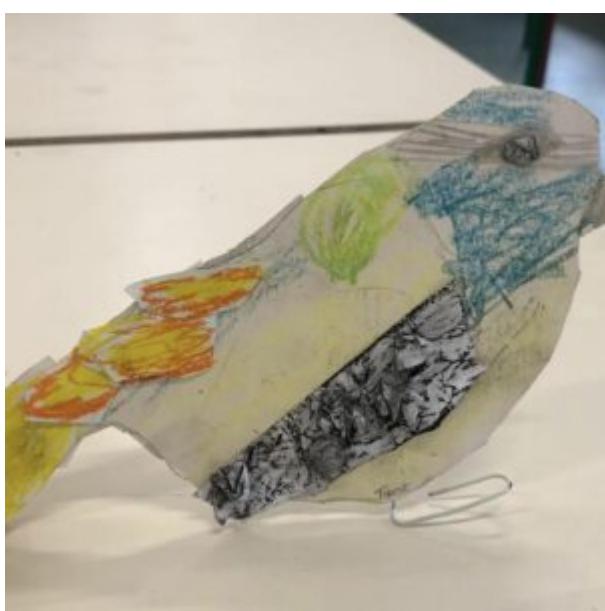
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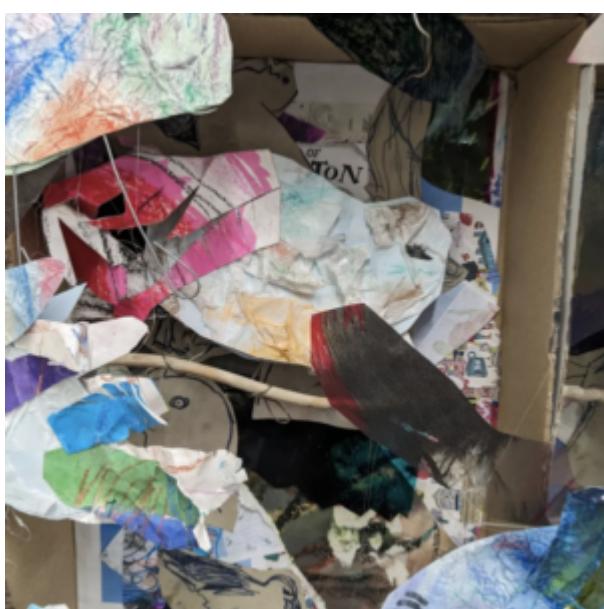
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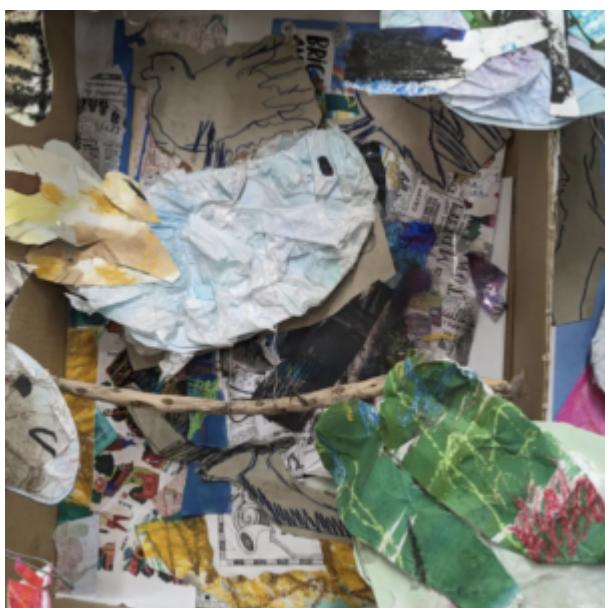
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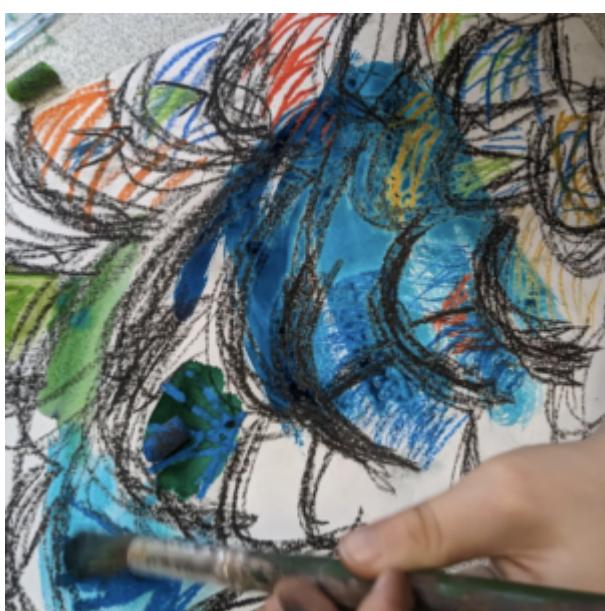
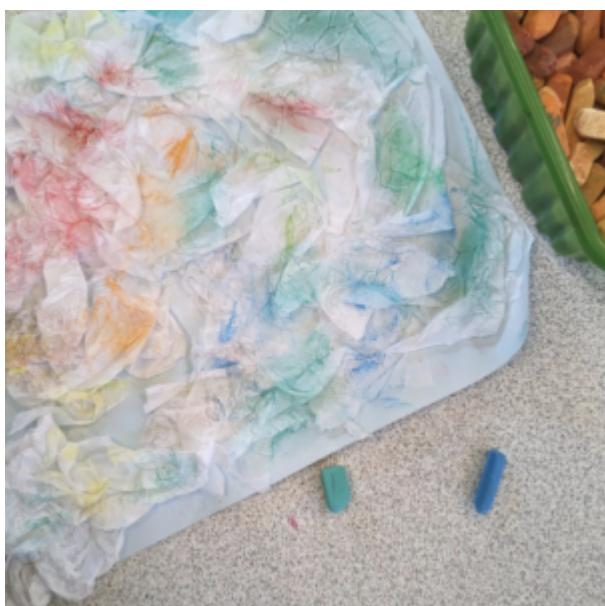












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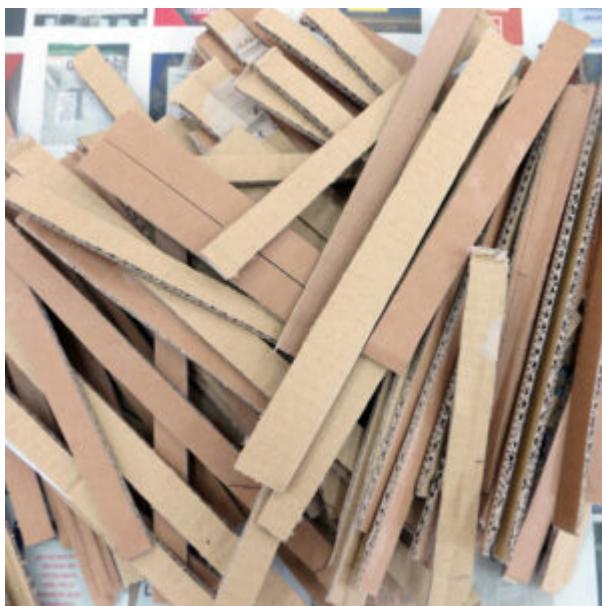


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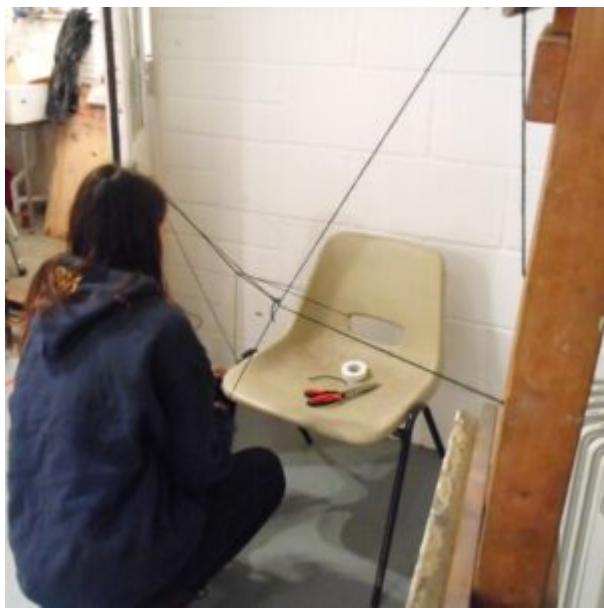
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“It’s really interesting to hear how the interest Liz has in the quality of light comes from a personal place and is something she has responded to since childhood. Seeing how her work has developed over the years is therefore a really positive reinforcement that

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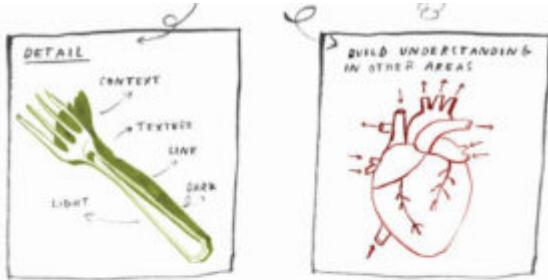
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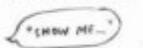
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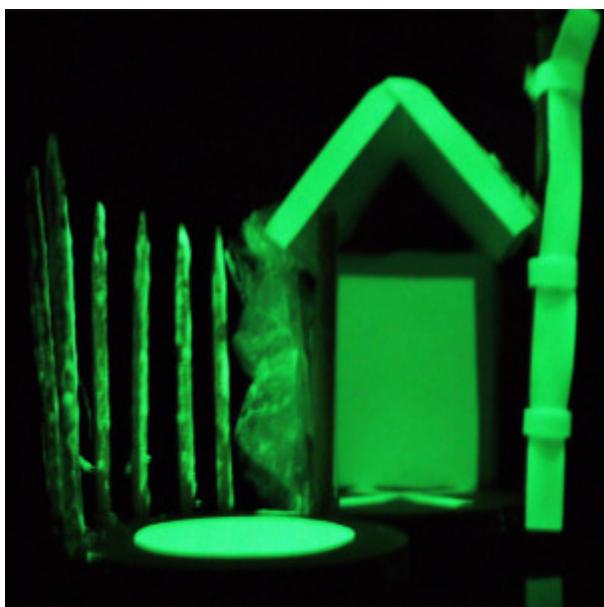
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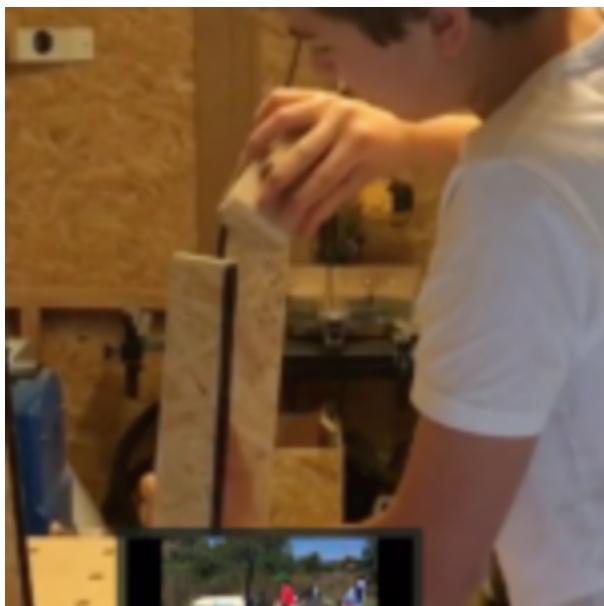
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“You can get a real sense of the environment in this post and how this could provide so much inspiration for creative projects. We are aware there the challenges to exploring the outdoors when many schools are in towns and cities. A way around this could be to have a regular collection of natural objects within the classroom and using them as a stimulus to respond creatively in sketchbooks or in extended projects”
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