

Summer Science Session 1

Ants: Week 2

An investigation into the amazing world of ants, how they live, communicate and work

Mint leaf experiment: What will ants do with a mint leaf? Nathan predicted, "They will eat it." The children then were given the opportunity to take the leaves outside. It is important to enable the children to discover the answers even if predictions are not right. The children discovered that ants did NOT like the leaves and actually ran away from them.



Sugar water vs. sweetener experiment: After predicting which one the ants would like, the children were given eyedroppers enabling the children to get directly involved in mixing the solution. Allowing the children to go outside to perform the experiment enhanced their critical thinking skills as they observed what happened.



After discussing the parts of an ant at group time, the children were given scissors to cut out words and glue sticks to label their own ant. This gave the children the opportunity to recall the parts and was also important for developing fine motor skills.

