

Things to do in the Rain

Be a Biologist! Go for a nature walk in your yard, neighbourhood, or local trail. What insects or other rain-loving creatures do you see?

Be a meteorologist! Observe the weather: how would you describe the rain? Is there much wind? Does the wind affect the rain? Build a rain measuring system and estimate how much will fall today.

Be an Artist! Before heading outside, do a drawing using watercolours or washable markers. Try different materials, using paper towels, scrap paper. Take your artwork into the rain! Set a timer for 10 minutes then check to see how the rain has affected your piece. What did you observe?

Be a Musician! With an adult's permission, gather some materials: metal bowls, tinfoil pans, sticks, spoons, cups, etc. Listen to the sound of the raindrops on different materials and decide which sound you like the best. Fill your cups and bowls with water at different levels, tap on them with sticks, see how the sound changes depending on the level of water.

Be an Engineer! Find where water is safely flowing like in your backyard or visit the park with an adult. Gather together your construction materials – mud, sticks, leaves, rocks, etc.. Decide if you would like to redirect the water, restrict its flow, or stop it entirely! Get to work, test your techniques and show off your engineering skills! When you are finished, please dismantle!