## **Understanding the World: The Natural World**

## Selection of linked objectives and ideas for **Early Learning** Useful Goals supporting child development **Books** Explore the natural world around Provide frequent opportunities for outdoor play and exploration. ☐ Explore the natural Encourage sensory engagement with the natural world – them world around them, touching, smelling, hearing different elements. making Describe what they see, hear and feel observations and whilst outside Create opportunities to discuss how we take care for the natural drawing pictures of world – provide opportunities to grow and nuture animals and plants Encourage positive interactions with the natural environment, offering children chances to take supported risks Name and describe common plants and animals they may find Teach children about a range of contrasting environments within Recognise some environments that ☐ Know some are different to the one they live the local and national region similarities and differences Model the vocabulary needed to name specific features of the between the natural natural world world around them Share non fiction texts about contrasting environments and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class ☐ Understand some Understand the effect of changing Guide understanding by drawing attention to the weather and important processes seasonal features seasons on the natural world around and changes in the them natural world Provide opportunities for children to note and record the weather. Select texts to share about the changing seasons. around them, including the Throughout the year take children outside to observe the world seasons and and encourage children to observe how animals behave differently changing states of as the seasons change matter