

## Model Shelters

Engineering is a field that really interests me, and this certainly brushed off on the children this evening. We set about creating some 'model' shelters, that were potentially suitable for small animals such as hedgehogs and mice. The children listened with interest as I showed them how to create a self-supporting structure; for those that didn't fancy that, I showed them the importance of selecting the correct materials for the job, as they searched out sticks with 'Y' shapes to create a different type of structure. The children had a great time expressing their own design flair, and created some interesting shelters, supporting the idea and allowing for an individual take on the 'brief'. We finished with a 'bubble and a wish' which seemed a fitting way of drawing such a well-received session to a close.

