

## Little Mouse and the Mud Day celebrations

Little Mouse was very excited as it was Mud Day. He loved mud and everything about it. He decided to make some mud. He got his shovel and went into the garden and found a nice patch of soil to dig in.



He dug until the soil was crumbly and broke up in his little paws and then he got his watering can and poured clean water into the soil. He put his paw under the flow and it felt cool and refreshing.



Just then he heard a little voices thanking him from his mud spot.

Little Mouse looked closer. There were lots of earthworms wriggling around in the newly formed mud. Earthworms need moisture to keep themselves nice and slimy.

Little Mouse smiled and decided to make a new patch of mud. He went to a different place in the garden and dug a new spot. As he added the water, a couple of butterflies floated down and began to drink from the puddles forming at the edge of his mud pool.

As Little Mouse watched, a hoverfly and a bee joined them and then zoomed off as Little Mouse carefully took his wellies off, put his feet into the mud and wiggled his toes about.

The mud felt cool and squishy and oozed up between his little toes.

Little Mouse leant back against the apple tree behind him and felt how strong it was. The bark felt rough and bits of it flaked away.

Little Mouse decided to paint a mud picture and got some paper and brushes ready. He painted a mud picture of the apple tree. As he painted he felt the warm sunshine on his back and he felt wonderful!

Little Mouse realised that he could touch lots of things in nature with his body and nature could touch his body and heart and make him really happy!

Can you find lots of different textures in your garden or while you go for a walk?

Can you make some marvellous mud to wriggle your toes in?

Can you paint a mud picture?

Can you put out some water, sand and mud for the insects and other creatures in your garden?

