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1. Go on an Ant Hunt

Take the children outside to a spot where you know ants live. Let them explore and find the ants themselves. Encourage questions and curiosity:

“I wonder what happens when I put crumbs near them?”

Place seeds and watch what the ants do, see how they carry food and touch each other with their feelers.

Link to ideas like:

- Friendship & teamwork (ants work together)
- Family (worker ants are all sisters)

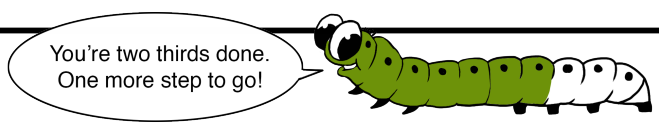
2. Create Ant Masks Outdoors

Bring art supplies outside and settle in a comfortable spot. Wear the "*Ant mask*" from the Downloadable Materials and see how the children react, do they want to make their own? Provide simple craft materials so they can create their own masks inspired by what they’ve seen.

3. Move Like Ants!

Now it’s time to move like ants! With masks on, lead a fun physical session outdoors. Try movements such as:

- Walking in a line;
- Touching hands and shoulders;
- Passing a ball along a line;



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- Working in small teams to carry something (like ants do!);

Tip: This activity can be done on another day during PE or outdoor circle time.

4. Story Time: Ants in a Row

Back in class, read "Ants in a Row/ Nemla Wara l-Oħra" (Downloadable materials).
You may use the "*Story cards*" in the Downloadable materials to create characters and other props as you read. Print, cut out, stick to stiff backing and use kebab sticks to hold them up as you dramatize story together.

5. Let Ideas Grow

Encourage open discussion and let children express thoughts sparked by the story. Focus on one key idea:
“All creatures, even the tiniest ones, deserve our care.”

6. Create & Display

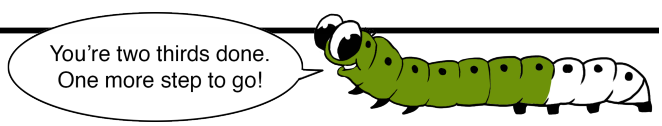
After reading, let the children express the story in their own way, through drawing, writing, or building. If you want, make a class frieze with a title about ants that you create together and display everyone’s work.

Send photos of

- ☐ Children observing ants
- ☐ Children doing physical ant-like activity with masks on
- ☐ Children following up to ant story
- ☐ children making ant masks
- ☐ children dramatising ant story

Resources & Equipment Needed

- Small seeds;
- Ant masks printed (Downloadable Materials);



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- Coloured pens/pencils;
- Scissors & glue;
- Art and craft supplies of your choice;
- Ball (or any other big, light object);
- Kebab sticks (optionale);

