

Forest School Learning for Week Commencing 18th January 2021

What has been here?

I know the weather hasn't been great of late but it does help us in our next forest school tasks!

We are lucky enough to live in a part of the country with a lot of wide-open spaces and farmers' fields, and lots and lots of hedgerow. When you are on your next walk or in your garden to get a bit of fresh air, I would like you to look for what has been there.

Can you see any footprints? Use the ID guide to help you identify which animal it could be.

Has a branch been chewed? See if you can figure out what did it.

Is there any poo on the floor? DO NOT TOUCH IT! Can you use the ID chart to see who has been visiting?



I have put the ID sheets in the resources section for you to look at or to print off if you wish. Plus, there are instructions for how to make your own wildlife track trap, which is an extra little project to have a go at.

For the younger ones, there is a colouring sheet; they can colour the animals that you find proof of on your walk.

Wild trails

I would like you to create a map of your personal trails around a local wood or park with a focus on the animals and plants that live or grow there.

At school we are working towards our next Woodland Trust Green Tree Schools Award. To achieve this award we need to make maps of local woodland, park and wildlife walks.

I have put some examples in the forest school resources. Enjoy your time outside together and make a map of your favourite route.



Fun in the rain!

It looks as though the rain is moving in this week, I know this makes it a little harder to get outdoors some days but it doesn't need to stop you!

Rain is fun! Dress warmly and enjoy it; pull on your welly boots, jump in those muddy puddles and feel the rain on your face. Listen to the sound of it falling through the trees. How does it change the scent of outdoors? Use all of your senses to experience rain and think about how it makes you feel. You could try closing your eyes and thinking about the importance of it; rain brings life and it helps plants to grow.



LOOK

SMELL

TOUCH

LISTEN

TASTE