



Words from the Wildwood

Forest School Newsletter- July 2021

Forest School News

What a unique year this has been. However, many children and adults, have had the chance to enjoy Forest School. This term Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 have had Forest School sessions during school hours and Year 3 and Year 4 had the opportunity to attend our after-school club. Working with the children has been very rewarding for me and I have enjoyed working with them and all the very supportive staff at Westfield Primary. Thank you again Kirsty, for all your brilliant Forest School volunteering and Mr Cauldwell for kindly helping with our after-school club.

Year 1

The children whittled a stick for roasting a marshmallow on the campfire (the following week). They completed woodland art, using natural materials found in the Wild Wood and enjoyed eating popcorn made using a special campfire popcorn maker.

Year 2

Year 2 made boats out of logs; they used a bill hook (a wood splitting tool), a wooden mallet, a wooden hand drill, a small stick and some paper for a sail. They also completed some activities which involved their senses and enjoyed eating marshmallows that had been cooked on the campfire.

Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed making woodland animals with clay (that can be left out in the air to dry) and eating Bannock Bread (simple camping bread which when cooked on a camp fire, tastes a bit like a doughnut). Before the children were sadly sent home to self-isolate, they were able to make an origami plant pot which they filled with soil and planted a sun flower seed in. They also surveyed the Wild Wood and recorded the different types of trees that we have onsite and drew an example of a leaf from each tree to help them remember the name of each tree.

Afterschool Club

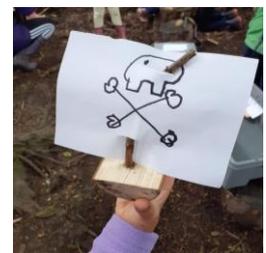
Stones were painted and turned into woodland bugs by the after-school children. They played games and created hand held windmills and split wood for a campfire the following week (on which children roasted a marshmallow). Also, the children had a go at whittling a pointy stick which they very much enjoyed.



Whittled holly, ready for roasting marshmallows (Y1)



Woodland Art (Y1)



Half-log boats (Y2)



Sight Colour Palette (Y2)



Clay woodland animals (Y4)



Origami plant pots (Y4)



Bannock bread cooking on the camp fire (Y4)



Painted stone (ASC)



Paper windmill (ASC)



Whittling a stick (ASC)

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