

Forest School News - December '19

Despite the recent wet weather, the children have still managed to enjoy a range of activities at Forest School this term including: fire lighting and cooking hotdogs, coppicing and whittling, making festive decorations, weather-proof dens, rope swings and creating their own games and a mud-slide.

When I look back at the photos, I find it fascinating to reflect on all the learning and growing that is taking place. I see the children's physical stamina and resilience outdoors in all weathers for three hours; their manual dexterity and coordination when using tools or the fire steel; their ability to negotiate rules, reach a compromise and explain patiently when inventing and sharing their own games; as well as their creative thought processes as they rework their ideas without time pressure; their patience, concentration and above all their fascination with the world around them when finding a new fungus or quietly watching a millipede crawling away.

We have been very lucky to have so many parent and governor volunteers this term, several of whom have caught the Forest School bug and come back for more! Thank you, we could not do it without you! I wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to more fun, learning and fresh air in the New Year!

Sarah Walker
Forest School Leader



