



Woodlands Academy of Learning

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Nursery Making Nests for the Birds.

Well it is officially spring, even though the weather has been cold. Nursery have been keeping their eyes open for nesting birds and watching them collecting their nest materials.

The children had a go at building their own nests for the



birds. They looked for just the right kind of sticks and twigs and found soft materials like grass and moss to make their nests comfortable..

The children worked well to-

gether and enjoyed finding all of their nest materials.



The children also took time out to listen to the bird song around them and they thought about what the birds might be saying to each other.



Well done Nursery you have made super nests.

Snowy Day Fun

Snow does not stop learning or fun at Woodlands. Year Five just could not resist making snowmen during our snowy weather. It might have been cold but the children had great fun and tackled lots of problem solving challenges.



Forest School

Rangers for This Half Term

Nursery— Penny Mae, Storm

Reception— Alessa, Dakota

Year Four — Cadence, Noah

Year Five— Leo G, Imogen

Dates for next half term

Year 3— Thursday Afternoons

3A—20th April, 4th & 18th May

3E—27th April, 11th & 25th May

Conservation Club—Year 3

Letters issued to children.

Dates—30th March, 20th & 27th April, 4th May.

Reception—Friday Mornings letters for groups will be sent.

Nursery—Friday Afternoon.

Reception Come to the Rescue

Reception have been very surprised to find tiny tea sets down by the fire circle this half term. The 'Little People' have chosen our school to have their parties, but sadly it has not been the weather for outdoor picnics.



The children decided to make some small shelters to help the 'Little People' stay warm. The children carefully chose their sticks to build their structures and then made them more comfortable by adding dry



grass and moss.

The children had a great time and began to add beds and

blanket leaves so the 'Little People' could have a sleep over.

I think the 'Little People' had a super time too judging by the washing up they left behind the next day.



Well done Reception and thank you from the 'Little People'.

Year Four Classification Coordinates

Year Four combined math's with science for their Forest School this half term, with our classification coordinates. The children had a map and had to find the location for each



set of coordinates. At each location they were given an animal.

Their challenge was to identify the animal, determine if it was a vertebrate or inverte-

brate, classify it by looking at the characteristics of mammals, fish, birds, reptiles,



amphibians and insects. But it did not stop their the children also identified if the animal was a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.

The children really enjoyed the challenge and their was lots of scientific discussion as the children classified each animal.



Well done Year Four, your team work was brilliant.



Year Five Get Growing

Year Five have been learning about life cycles in their science lessons, so for one of our sessions we concentrated upon the life cycle of plants. We discussed sexual reproduction, which relies on the transportation of pollen from one plant to another and asexual reproduction which can be achieved by bulbs, tubers and cuttings.



To illustrate these methods of reproduction

we decided to try and grow plants from seeds (sexual reproduction) and from bulbs, tubers and cuttings (asexual reproduction).



The children planted potatoes and onions into the garden and because it is still rather cold they planted sunflowers, courgettes, tomatoes, sunflowers and nasturtiums in pots to grow in the learning room.

Our seeds have already started to sprout,

but I think it will be a while yet before the potatoes start to grow.



Be patient Year Five hopefully we will have a good crop of potatoes in the autumn.



Conservation News

Welcome to our new members to the Conservation Crew, Skylar ,Haiden and Adam . The crew have been busy discussing how we at Woodlands can cut our carbon footprint. The children have been investigating where we can recycle our used batteries. The chemicals in old batteries when put into land fill are very harmful to the environment so the Conservation Crew decided to investigate which shops provide facilities for recycling old batteries. They found that you can recycle your old batteries at Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda and Morrison's.

So don't forget, don't drop them in the bin, drop them into the recycling box and help the environment.

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What to look out for.

In April our brimstone butterfly should be making its appearance in Rough Wood. Keep your eyes open for a large green yellow butterfly. We are very lucky as they can only be found it a few locations now in the UK. Keep your ears open for any visiting cuckoos. These birds fly in from Africa and make our country their home during the spring and summer. Again they are very rare visitors, but if you are out and about on Cannock Chase cuckoos can be heard at this time of year.

