

The March Forest School Newsletter Sept wk 1



I Love this picture; for me it captures what Forest School is all about. The pure joy that children gain from the freedom to be able to choose their learning at their own pace. Here, Levi is singing made up rhyming songs and giggling and chuckling all the time. Delightful!

Exploration, discovery and challenges bring out the best in all of us!

Life is an adventure and forest schools provides the chance for children and young adults to explore the wonders of life in unique outdoor settings. It allows them to discover themselves and the world by managing risks and learning social and lifelong skills. Forest schools help develop and build up principles such as:

Love and Compassion, Collaboration, Excellence and Integrity, Inclusion and Diversity

Today we had a few different activities, whilst allowing the children to explore their new forest environment. In one activity, some children worked together to make a beautiful piece of art, in the style of Andy Goldsworthy, made entirely from things that could be collected, and without harming the forest! The children, counted out carefully how many pine cones, sticks, stones and leaves were needed. Then grouping them and constructing their designs. It never fails to amaze me how resourceful the children are. As they are not bound by conventional ideas their designs are always inspiring. Again the children demonstrate our Christian values, respecting the natural world by always making sure that we leave the forest as we found it, picking up our litter and collecting our belongings Our Forest school motto is 'Leave without trace'

Thank you to our helpers, this week, Mr Hughes -Jones, Mr Bennett, Mr Chahboune, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Parker Please ask your child about our Forest School song, (if they can remember it!)

Forest Schools is a fun way of exploring and experiencing the environment through child initiated or child directed learning. Many children and adults are used to learning in a structured way. Forest School allows learning through play and in settings not always previously experienced.

The celebration of the Forest and God's natural world links in with our RE scheme. Our theme this half term is Justice, so demonstrating friendly behaviours, talking and interacting with each other as they begin to develop their social skills, helps to embed our theme.

