



Forest School December update

In Forest School, where are the learning opportunities?

Children learn in a variety of ways and Forest School provides a further opportunity for children to grow in confidence, independence and therefore improve self-esteem. It achieves this through:

1. We give them small, achievable tasks.
2. The children learn how to manage their own risks.
3. We let the children decide what they want to do, so we believe, we offer child-led learning and lots of choice.
4. The children work with other children in all year groups so there are lots of opportunities for collaboration.

Every Monday the children in Squirrel and Hedgehog classes go on a mini adventure. As we've had so much rain recently we decided to make the most of this and play in the rain and water.



The children have also been learning about stickman and we all tried to find him or make one of our own.



The second group of Forest School Rangers have really learnt the Forest School rules and have been teaching Mr Read our year 4 student and showing him the risk and how to manage them!

No Picky, no licky, careful with ropes and careful with sticky!

Bigger than you takes 2, bigger than me takes 3 and eyes on me to climb a tree

The afternoon children have been helping support the wildlife in the forest by making bird feeders. We have also had a few other visitors including, what we think was a badger.



There have been lots of delicious creations in **“Un Café Vert”** including lemon and lime fizz, chocolate cake and stone soup. One very creative child even started to use the egg poacher as a cup tray ☺



Mrs Thornell recently visited the scrap store and purchased some fabulous fabric which lends itself amazingly to hammocks and the results have been fabulous.



We had to have two stick weeks this term as the children had so many ideas of what sticks are good for: Stickman, wands, bows, arrows, staffs, oars, fairy houses, tent peg's, pencils, spoons etc.....

