

Enchanted Woodland

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise! This half term, we'll visit a woodland to take part in forest school activities, observe the wildlife, collect natural objects and take beautiful pictures of the things we see. After our woodland adventure, we'll write about our experiences and learn all about trees. We'll use information books to investigate mini-beasts and make mini-books of our own. Throughout the project, we will find out how to recognise different plants and animals and create detailed, observational drawings of them. The tale of Hansel and Gretel will inspire us to write our own stories with a woodland theme. We'll build miniature dens, create woodland works of art and construct mini-woodlands from twigs, sticks, pine cones and leaves.

Our Trip to Inside Out Forest School is on **Tuesday 12th July 2022**. The children will take part in a range of forest school activities and roast marshmallows on the campfire.

Help your child prepare for their project. Woodlands are interesting places. Why not take a woodland walk and see which plants and creatures you can find? Simple spotting books or apps will help you to identify unknown species. Alternatively, visit the local library and borrow information and storybooks about woodland creatures to read together. You could also collect twigs, leaves, seed cases and flowers to make natural art together outside. Remember to take photos before the wind blows your artwork away!

Useful links:

- [The Woodland Trust](#)
- [The Wildlife Trusts](#)
- [Woodland, pond and ditch habitats - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [What is a woodland habitat? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Outdoor Classroom. As part of our topic, we will be developing an outdoor classroom in the grassed area next to the KS1 building. This will be a shared space for all three KS1 classes and the children will be involved in the designing, planning and creating stages. In the afternoon on our first day back after half term, the children will create an outdoor classroom design and collate ideas for the area. We will be discussing mud kitchens, seating areas, planters and much more!

To help us to develop this area further, any donations of the following items would be greatly received.

- Tyres
- Crates
- Plant pots
- Old metal/ wooden kitchen utensils.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Taylor and Miss Keenan.

