

# *Term 6*



# Newsletter

This Term we had the pleasure of welcoming back the year 1's to Forest School. Year 3 Woodpecker Class and the Year 5 Classes also returned for their Final Forest School Sessions this year; it was great to have them all visit.

# What great fun we have had this term!

We explored our senses and learnt new vocabulary.



"We realized sticks can be a lot of fun, we created our own games with just sticks!"



We experimented and trialed different ways of making our own yo-yo's.



We used natural resources to help us as counting aids.



"I never knew I could have so much fun with sticks and items just lying around!"

What did we  
get up to?



"We found lots of minibeasts  
and enjoyed ticking of the  
ones we found"



"We enjoyed holding worms  
and making them homes"



"We found so many slow  
worms. We could not  
understand why they are  
called slow, when they are  
fast and why they are  
called 'worms' when they  
are legless lizards? We  
thought they should be  
called 'Fast Legless Lizard!'"

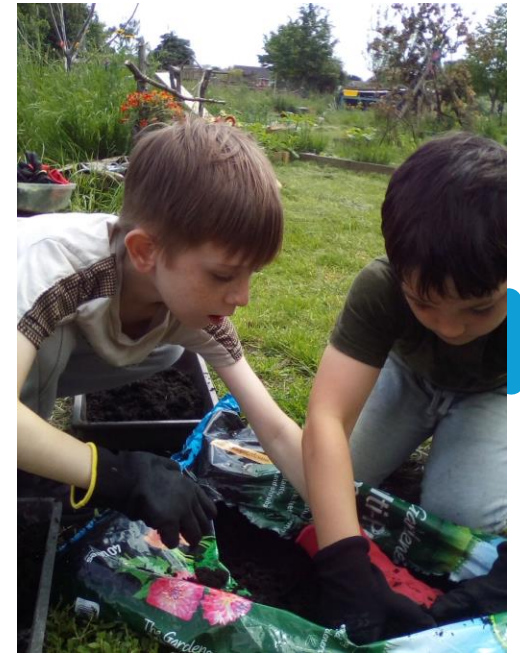


### This year we have grown:

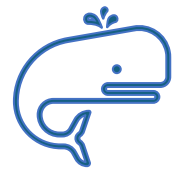
- Tomato's
- Onions
- Potatoes
- Radishes
- Salad
- Lettuce
- Lots of herbs
- Cucumbers
- And much more...

We hope that this will encourage further **healthy eating** and the children will continue to grow their own food in the future helping them all to be more **sustainable and independent.**

It was lovely to have some children share their knowledge of gardening at home with their families.



We should be eating at least 5 fruit or veg a day!



# Whale Class



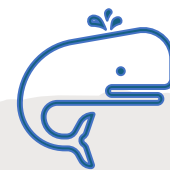
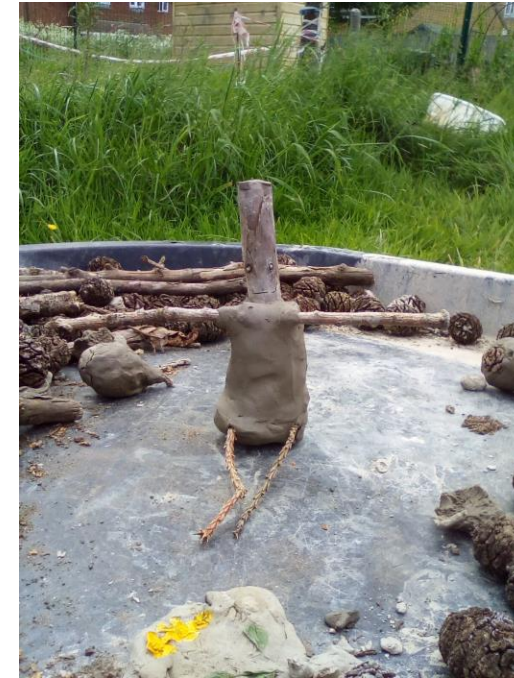
We trialed a wide range of different planting techniques.



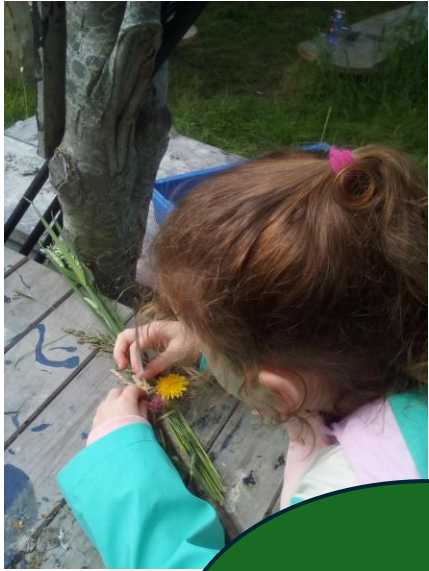
"We enjoyed making nature telescopes to watch the birds"



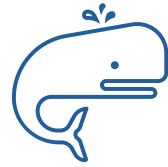
We experimented with printing and tie die to create door signs for our classrooms.



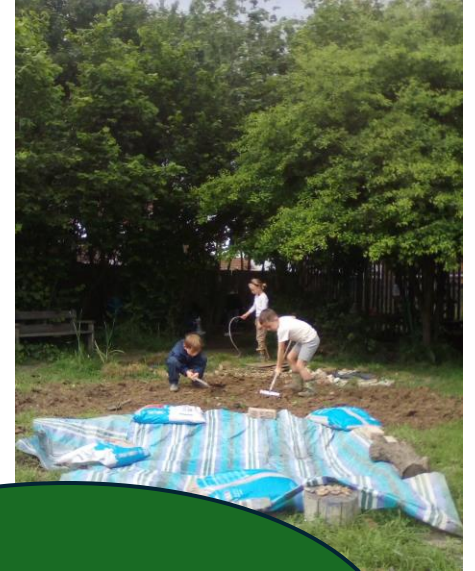
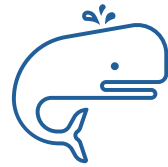
We made new friends and explored different media.



We enjoyed the opportunity to be creative.



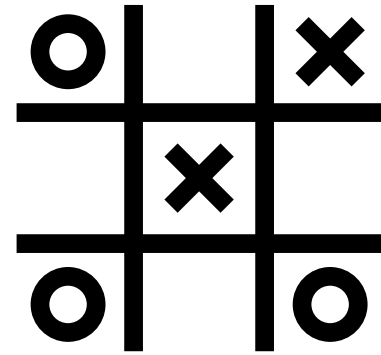
# Forest School



We really enjoyed planning and creating our own sandpit and paddling pool!

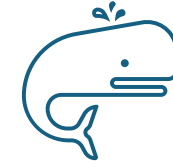


# We played lots of games and had lots of fun planting!



We played a water version of Noughts and Crosses but with pinecones and flowerpots!

We loved playing with the water and sand!



# We have enjoyed developing the Forest School Site



We re-used plastic bottles!

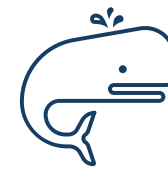


We enjoyed making our own water irrigation system to ensure our plants are cared for over the summer ☀️



We enjoyed creating a third pond within the Forest School Site, using an old tractor tire that was very kindly donated. Thank you.

# Harvest Time!

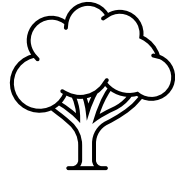


"We took everything we had harvested and grown from scratch to the school kitchen for cleaning, prepping and turning into a salad that we could try for our lunch!"

Five of our  
Five a Day  
Aim!



# Ash Class



"I love sawing, I feel like an Elf working in Santa's Workshop, making toys for Christmas"



We made new friends and enjoyed learning about all the pondlife.



We enjoyed trying new things and being introduced to new tools.



We enjoyed making our own gifts for Father's Day.



"It was so much fun!"

# Ash Class **LOVED** the new Sandpit at Forest School!



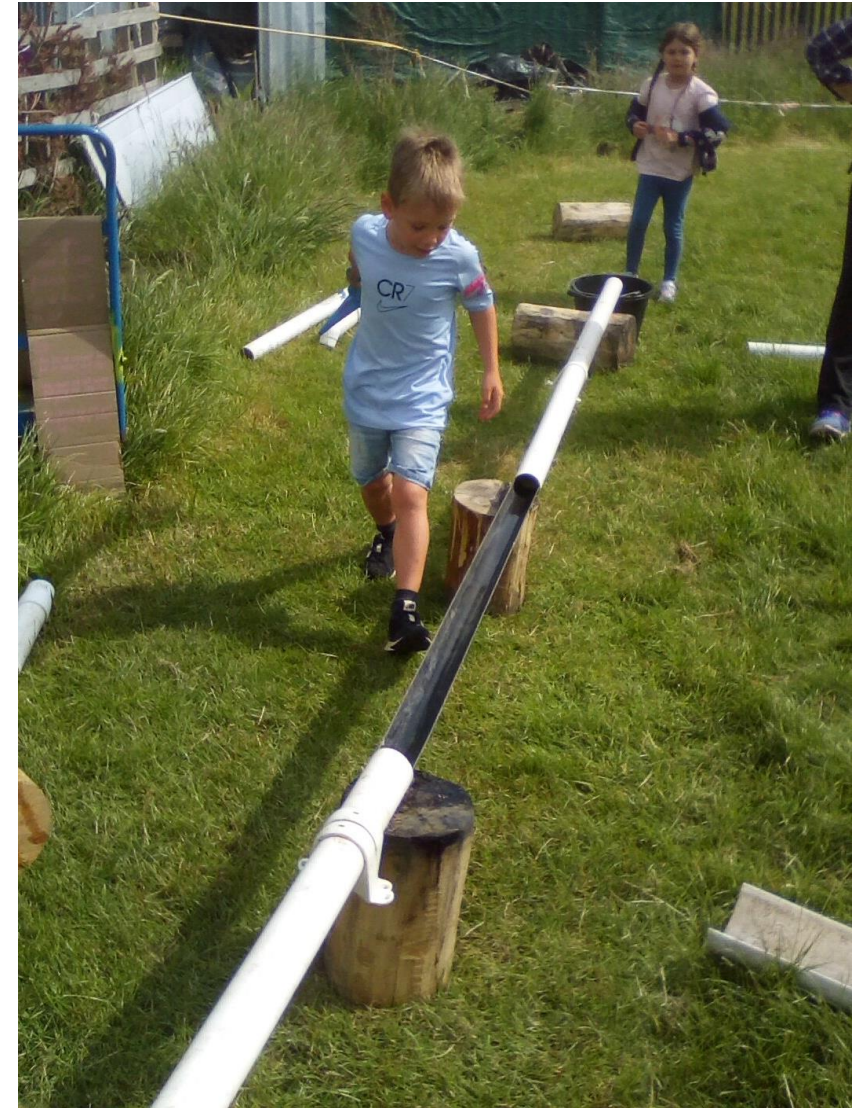
"It feels like we are at the beach!"

We enjoyed our time spent weaving and Getting Creative with natural resources *the children said, "we can do this for Christmas and easter!"*





## Water Play and Challenges!







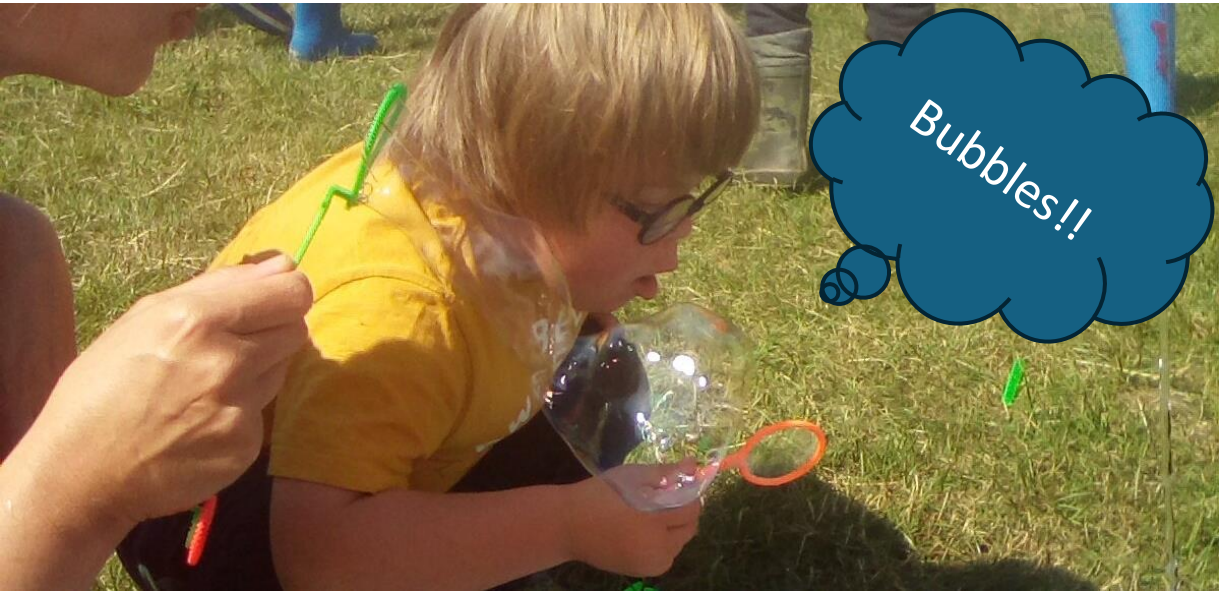
We made our own Banjos and Guitars!  
Incorporating Music into our **Forest School**  
Sessions.



(We also made our own Grass Whistles!)



We made our own bubble wands.





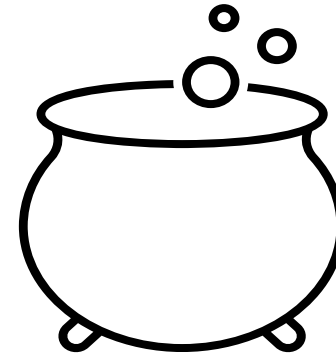
"We made a grass man!"



"We relaxed with Friends"



"We tried to make our own Musical Instruments"



We made **magical** potions that had super-powers.

I asked some of the children what their powers were....

Their responses were truly incredible and very caring:

" Mine makes illnesses go away and everyone healthy"

"Mine makes everyone Happy"



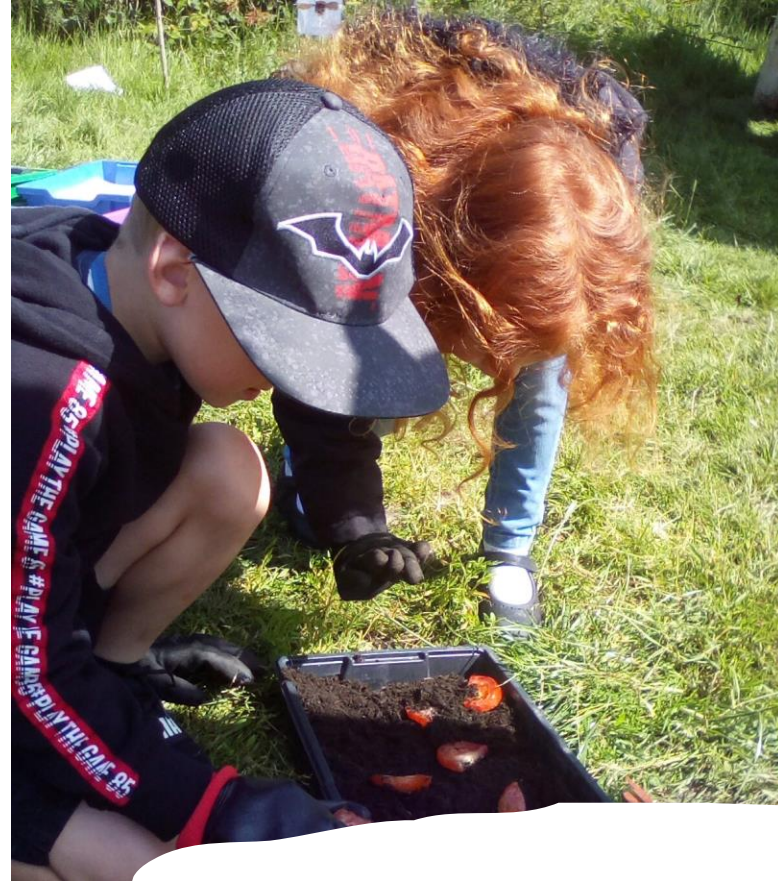
I enjoyed labelling the parts of a plant.

"Now this is cozy!"



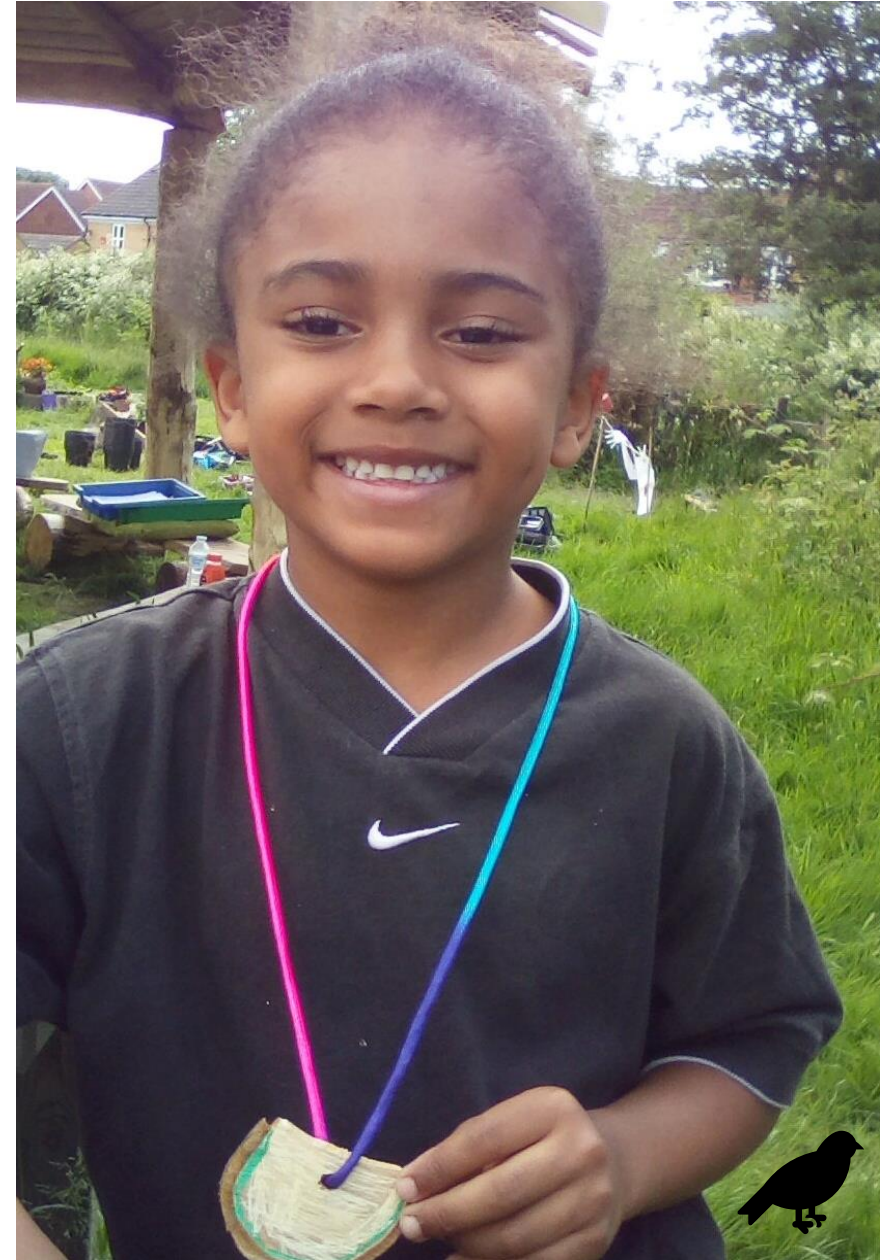
**Wren Class enjoyed...**





Planting and caring for all our vegetables and plants that we have growing.







Another 10/10 for the new Forest School Sandpit from Wren Class...

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"We liked the feeling of the sand between our toes"





A chance to play and make friends.



"Me Time"



Woodwork



Whittling



Can you make a flower  
in 60 Seconds?

Miss Harwood "Can you make a  
tree in 30 Seconds?"

# French Day



We learnt our School's Expectations in French:

Safe: Sur

Ready: Pre^t

Respect: Respect

Great Work Year 1!



We learnt how to say some of our Forest School Keywords in French to celebrate our School's French Day, some of the words we learnt are listed below, we also learnt some of these words in sign.

**Blood Bubble** - Bulle de sang

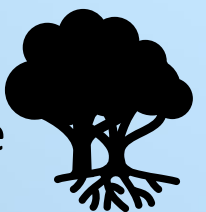
**Flower** - une fleur

**Tree** -un arbre

**Mud** - la boue

**Fire** - la faune

**Forest School** -l'école de la forêt





We made French Flags and played French Games.



We created the Eiffel Tower and discussed all the things we know about France.

# Year 3 **Woodpeckers** final session this year and what a blast it was!



# Year 5 enjoyed their Final Session this year...



## Seahorse Class



## Kingfisher Class



## Yew Class



# We have some **Exiting** news to share with you all...

After entering and achieving a **Bronze** Award last year with the Wilder Kent Awards, we decided to enter again this year to showcase and share all the children's hard work and dedication in helping develop our own Forest School Site and areas within our local community.

We hope that we have helped and will continue to help to make a difference, making Kent a more climate resilient county and provide further homes and suitable, improved environments for the surrounding wildlife to flourish and enjoy.

It brings me great happiness to share with you all that this year Iwade Community Primary School have achieved a **Silver** award this year.



Our Sister School 'Bobbing Village Primary' also applied this year to the Wilder Kent Awards, and it brings us great joy to share the news with you all that they have also achieved a **Bronze** Award.

Well Done Iwade Community Primary and Bobbing Village Primary!

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## Further Forest School News...

This year we also entered the Kent County Show Garden Wheelbarrow Competition. The task was to create and design a wheelbarrow that showcased our School's Ethos, Values and Creativity.



The children chose to separate the wheelbarrow into three sections to show our three separate community's (Ocean, Sky and Forest) coming together as one school community. Sky Community was the highest part of the wheelbarrow design to represent the Sky then Forest Community was shown as the middle part of the wheelbarrow to represent tall trees beneath the sky, and finally ocean below the Sky and the Forest Section to represent our wonderful oceans.

All the children showed great determination and creation with their choice and colors of plants used, they had to think about the plant's life expectancies and what would stay in bloom and last until the competition showcase date. I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating all the children and Mrs Saul for participating in this wonderful competition.





We were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Prize by the Kent County Show for our Wheelbarrow Entry in the schools gardening competition.

Go Iwade!



A **HUGE** thank you and shout out to our local Sittingbourne Wickes Store...

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Wickes Sittingbourne for allowing us to participate in their Community Funded Project.

Wickes in Sittingbourne very kindly donated a large amount of gardening equipment totalling £150 for the use of the children and staff visiting Mr Toms Forest School.

Thank you, Wickes Sittingbourne, for all your help and support!



Finally, Mrs. Saul and I would like to wish you all a fabulous **Summer!** Below are some ideas you can try over the break should you like to, remember to please ask an **adult** first!

<p>Look at a cloud and say what you think it looks like.</p> 	<p>Throw rocks in a river, pond or puddle.</p> 	<p>Have fun with water, draw a picture on the pavement using water.</p> 	<p>Write a list of all the advantages and disadvantages of using a campfire or fire pit.</p> 	<p>Hug a tree.</p>  <p>It is said it will make you feel better!</p>	<p>Practise Fire Lays with Sticks.</p>  <p>What different Fire Lays can you name?</p>
<p>Read a book in the woods.</p> 	<p>Build a rock tower.</p> 	<p>Slide or roll down a sand or grassy hill.</p> 	<p>Draw Pictures in the dirt.</p> 	<p>Build a house for Fairies or trolls!</p> 	<p>Plant Wildflowers.</p> 

Some more  
fun for the  
holidays!

Bingo anyone?



The  
Wildlife  
Trusts



EMPOWERING  
BLIND  
CHILDREN  
YOUNG ADULTS



# Sensory bingo!



It's time to explore using all of your senses.  
Can you be the first to get a row or a full house?

Find three different leaf shapes 	Listen for buzzing 	Feel the strands of a feather	Smell a flower 
Feel moss – does it feel spongy?	Find an item that's been nibbled by a mini beast	Find five smooth pebbles, each larger than the one before	Listen to the pitter patter of summer rain
Touch the dew on the morning grass 	Do a bark rubbing 	Listen for a mysterious sound – what is it?	Smell growing herbs
Arrange twigs to write your name	Find something natural you can roll	Hear ducks quacking 	Find something that crunches

Thank you for your continued support.



Miss Harwood, Mrs. Saul and the Forest School Team.