

FOREST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 – Year 3



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS TERM AT FOREST SCHOOL?

This term we saw the 'new' year 3 classes return to Mr. Tom's Forest School.

The children's Discovery Topic this term was 'Coming to England'.

We have made links where we can for this topic with our Forest School learning and activities. We hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter and seeing some of what we have got up to at Forest School this term!



WALMER CLASS - WEEK 1



The children enjoyed harvesting a wide range of different vegetables and fruits that some of the previous classes and children had grown from seed up on the Forest School Site.

The food harvested was then taken to the school kitchen to be cleaned/ prepped and used in our school dinners.

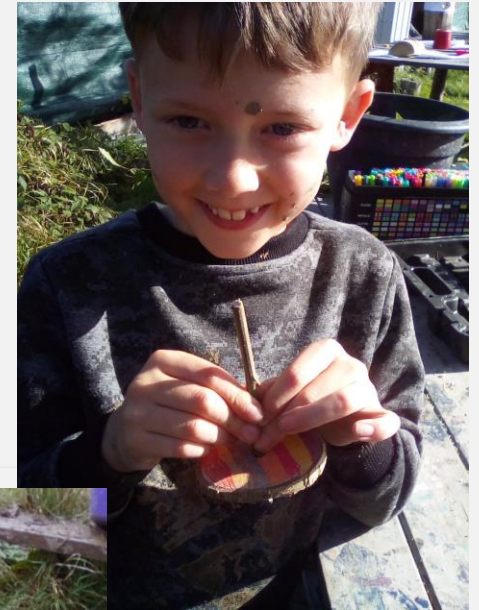
The children also enjoyed talking about the weather in England and discussing what fruit and vegetables may grow in our country and at what time during the year.





WALMER CLASS

And of course.... it did not take them long to remember how much fun the **mud** was!



Jaxon: "This is the muddiest, best, muddiest, best day ever!"



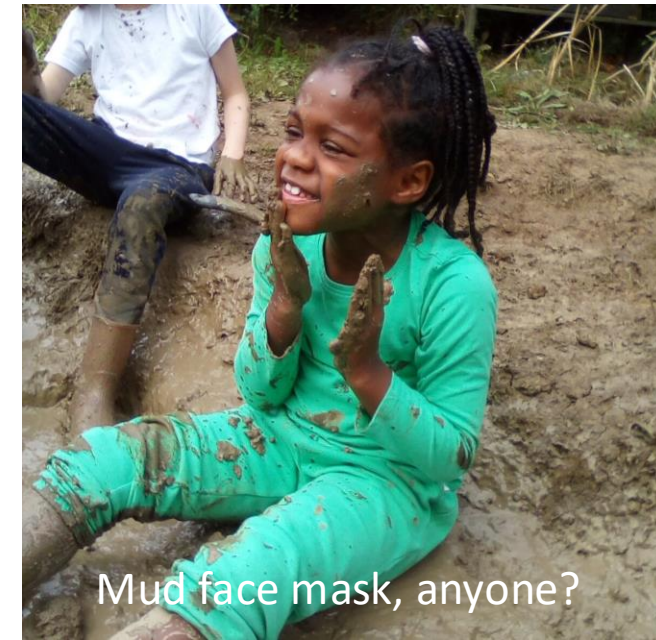
Thelma: "Now this is the life!"

WALMER CLASS

We climbed trees, swung in them and met some friendly slow worms getting ready to hibernate...



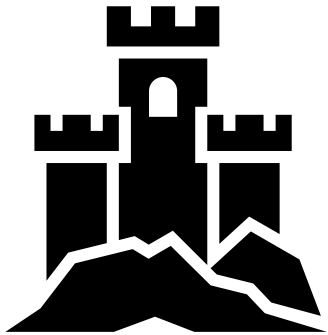
WALMER CLASS WEEK 2



HOW COULD WE SAY NO TO A FACE
MASK BY THE CHILDREN?



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT



We created our own hanging willow shapes, hung them up and practised our throwing and aiming skills. We had to throw a pinecone through the hanging shapes to our partner. This was not an easy task with the wind, but we all managed well and soon got the hang of it!



We enjoyed making autumn tea-light candle holders for Diwali.



We made stick tree puppets.



WE LOVED OUR RAINY-DAY VISIT!



Art



D.T



Art and D.T



Play



WE LOVED THE CAMPFIRE



"It makes me feel calm."

"It makes me feel relaxed."

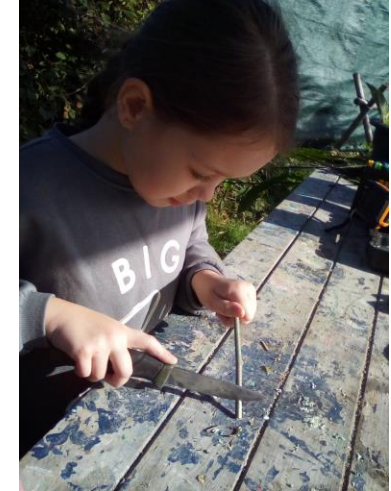
"I like watching the flames, it makes me feel sleepy."

"I like the crackling sounds."

FINAL WEEK FOR WALMER..



For our final week we made autumn themed tabletop spinners. We used the Bow Saw and Mora Knife to help us make our masterpieces.





WHAT DOES FOREST SCHOOL MEAN TO ME?

Maisie: "Spending time with my friends and getting time to relax."

Harrison: "Having fun and making things."

Dylan: "Mud!"



PENGUIN CLASS

"It is so nice to be back at Forest School"

PENGUIN CLASS



We loved exploring the Forest School site and looking for minibeasts...



It began to rain whilst the girls were playing.. Piper to Aimee:
"Can you hear the rain falling?"

It was truly amazing to witness the girls fully immersed in the outdoor environment.



We had so much fun, we did not want to leave.



PENGUIN CLASS



Taylor: " My favourite moment at Forest School was holding a slowworm, finding its shredded skin and being in the mud kitchen."

Eden: "I liked digging in the ground, feeling the slowworm and climbing the tree."

Isabel : "I liked holding the slowworm, it was really smooth."

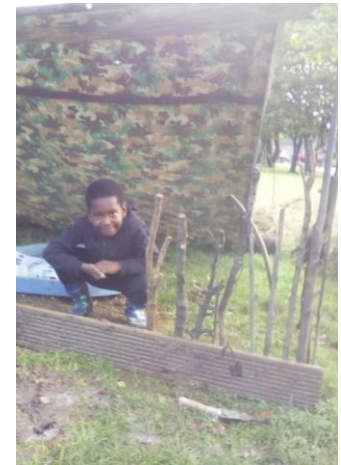
Alexey: "I liked building a muddy pond. I used a metal shovel to dig pretty deep."

Morgan: "I liked planting the beans, so they grow into big trees"

Jaxon: "I liked looking for all the bugs."



PENGUIN CLASS WEEK 2





PENGUIN CLASS



"Physical Development"



"Respect for animals"



"Empathy"



"Determination and Skill"



"Respect for our Wildlife and Environment"

"Forest School is about so much more than the mud, but the mud can be great fun!"

"When we do choose to get muddy, we are working on our own resilience, and we are learning how to look after ourselves."

PENGUIN CLASS



Patience

We practised our
throwing skills.



Determination



Physical
Development



Whittling



Fire lighting



Art



D.T

PENGUIN CLASS



We enjoyed breaking conkers with the hammers, scoping out the insides to make our own soap.



We made our own autumn leaf bunting.



We were all very eager to make our own swords, so we used the bow saw and whittling knife to help us create our own. We had to think about the risks associated with sharp objects, so we decided to blunt the ends of our swords.



We loved making our own Halloween decorations. We recognised that not everyone celebrates Halloween so we discussed other celebrations we could make some decorations for, like 'Diwali Candles' to celebrate Diwali.



We enjoyed decorating our own Forest School pumpkin that we grew from scratch.



PENGUIN CLASS



We wrote our name using our left-over wood shavings from previous DT projects.



We made our own Conker Comets.





FINAL WEEK FOR PENGUIN CLASS...





PENGUIN CLASS

What does Forest School mean to me?

Rory: "It is really happy."

Tommy: "Lots of fun."

Olivia: "Creative, so much to do."

Reece: "It is the best lesson ever."

Piper: "Happy."

Aimee: "It is really fun."





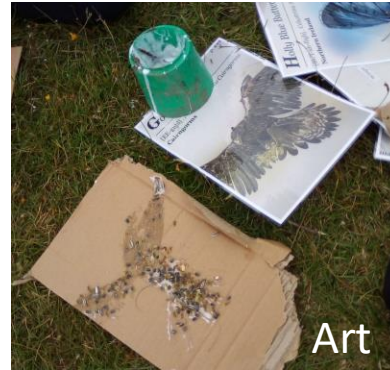
BEECH CLASS

Another vote for the mud pit from Beech Class for their first session!

BEECH CLASS



Tree climbing – physical development



We enjoyed getting creative up at Forest School: we made tree puppets and animal collages.





BEECH CLASS



Exploring our senses



Improving our outdoor areas for local wildlife to enjoy and for nature to thrive.



"Using what we have."

BEECH CLASS



Art

DT

Science



BEECH CLASS



"The best times are those that we spend in nature and outdoors."

BEECH CLASS



We used the bow saw and handheld drill to create our own tree keyrings.



BEECH CLASS



Planting and pond development



Fine motor skills



Cloud identification



Grass toss anyone?



Crab apple toss



Planting and site development



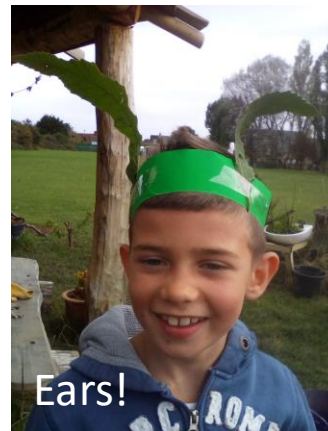
FINAL WEEK FOR BEECH CLASS



Art



Fun and smiles



Ears!



Planting



AND TO END...

WHAT DOES FOREST SCHOOL MEAN TO BEECH CLASS?



George: 'It makes me feel happy.'

Brooke: 'It means having fun.'

Mila: 'I like re-using things.'

Oliver: 'I like creating things and having time with my friends.'

Teddy: 'I like being muddy.'

Nate: 'I like the free time to create stuff.'

Lucas: 'It makes me feel good.'

Miss Dennis: 'I like watching the children have fun.'



WOODPECKER CLASS

"At Forest School we were lucky enough to see some baby field mice and lots of slow worms."

WOODPECKER CLASS



The mud pit was again a huge success!



WOODPECKER CLASS



We tried new things...



New friendships blossomed!



WOODPECKER CLASS



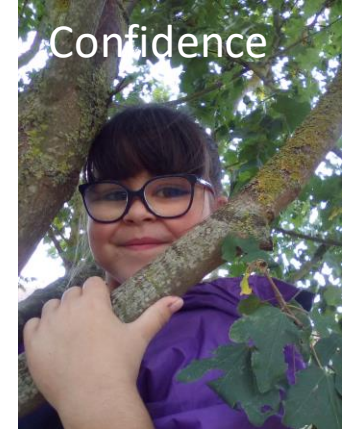
Art



Social



Sculpting



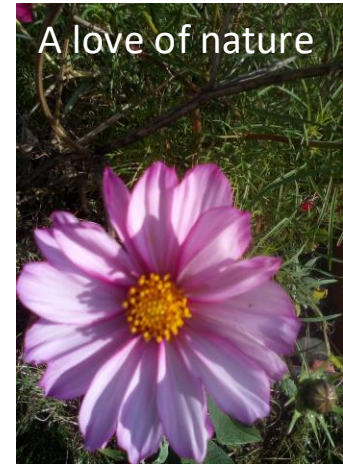
Confidence



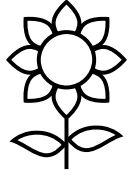
Exploration



Play



A love of nature



WOODPECKER CLASS



Our Woodpeckers loved gardening, site development, developing a new pond and planting our spring bulbs.



WOODPECKER CLASS



Arts and crafts



Developing our DT
and tool skills



Fire lighting

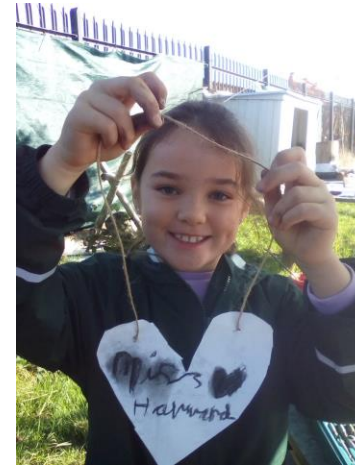


Mud sculpting

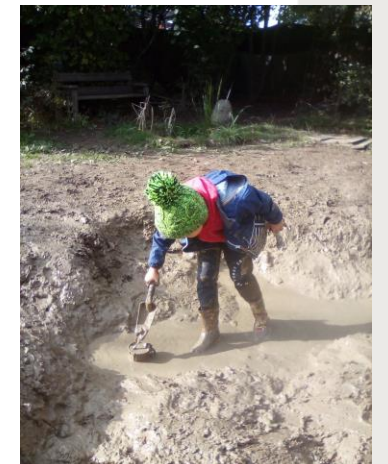




FINAL WEEK FOR WOODPECKER CLASS



We made tabletop spinners, dens, necklaces, crowns and played with our friends in the mud!





Fire lighting



Muddy high
five anyone?



A thumbs up!



Lots of happy faces!



New friends



What does Forest School mean to me?

Freya: "To experience the wild and have fun."

Andrei: "Freedom."

Chloe: "Nature."

Florence: "A wonderful experience."

Frankie: "A community."

Eva: "Nothing but amazement."

FOREST SCHOOL IDEAS FOR THE AUTUMN BREAK



Make your own ghost leaves...



Make your own spooky cardboard cut outs.



Make a spider web... All you need is some string and 4 twigs..



Design your own leafy monster rock.



Make your own Diwali Candle but be sure to ask a parent first :)

What ideas will you have?

We would love to see some of your creative ideas, please do share your master pieces to iwade@ba-mat.org.uk FAO Miss Harwood

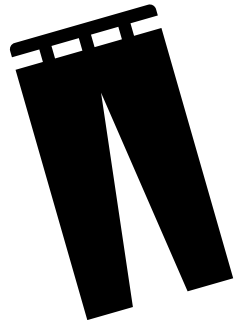
CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US?

With the weather due to become considerably colder over the incoming winter months, we are in desperate need of spare clothing for the children, should they become wet or cold and need a spare pair of clothes to change into during their Forest School sessions.

Please do consider donating any unwanted or outgrown clothing items to Mr. Tom's Forest School for the children to use should they need the extra layers.

We would be very grateful please for any donations (child size or adults) from the following list:

- Socks
- Hats
- Gloves
- Long sleeved tops
- Jumpers
- Trousers
- Jogging bottoms
- Wellies
- Any waterproofs



There will be a donation bin in the school's main reception area labelled Forest School Donations, Donations will be accepted for the first two weeks of term 2.

We thank you all for your continued support.

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We hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to
welcoming the children back to school for Term 2.



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