

Forest School News

July 2022

It has been such a pleasure this half term to explore and adventure in our woodland with Year 6.

During our sessions, the students not only focused on consolidating their previous skills from Forest School such as den building, tree climbing and tree id, but they have also worked on building resilience and trying new things. Being outdoors is the perfect setting for nurturing all of these skills.

Over the 6 weeks, the children have been introduced to a wider range of tools including axes, bow saws, loppers, drills and Laplander saws which they have used with an adult to help make various woodland crafts and to cut and split wood for our campfires. We were both very impressed with their maturity and excellent listening skills which were required for them to be able to learn how to use these tools safely.

The whole class worked collaboratively on various projects throughout the half term: creating incredible large 'vehicles' as well as a wooden xylophone which will stay in our woodland. They also loved playing a giant version of Pictionary, hide the cup and back to base along with many other woodland games.

Even though it was quite warm, we managed to have a couple of campfires and the students enjoyed learning to cook popcorn in our large cast iron pot as well as pan smores (which are always a favourite). They even impressed us by doing up the dishes each week!

Thanks again to Year 6 and to the wonderful staff who supported our sessions each week.

We wish all Year 6 students a wonderful summer and a bright future ahead.

Mrs. Duggan and Mr. Whiting



