

Bees Leave the Hive and Experience Eco Wild!



After a sunny day at Parish's House, we finished our sixth session with Year Three. The Bees were able to explore the small woodland and look out for 5 signs of spring. They also turned out to be excellent bakers, and the campfire cooked bread twizzlers were of excellent quality! Miss Pang a supply teacher, joined us for the day, and she was very impressed with their firelighting knowledge and skills at using the fire steels. Fun was had on the zip wire and in the adventure playground and it was a lovely end to a great six weeks.

The previous weeks in the outdoor area at school have been very busy. All the children have been extremely creative with their storytelling. Being inspired by story cards and the natural environment around them, their imaginations have been able to run wild.

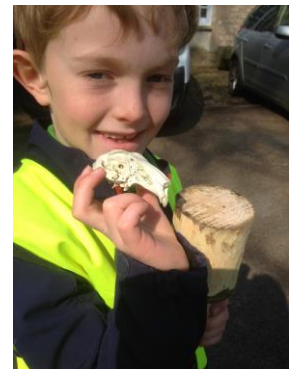
We have been impressed how quickly they settled into the forest school area and how inquisitive and excited they have been to explore, create dens and climb the trees. Our warm up games Squirrel Run and Predators Compete have been very popular with all the children and they have enjoyed working together in teams.

The pond area is coming alive now spring is here and we were pleased to discover a tiny frog in the pond the other day and also quite a few tadpoles. There has been time for exploration and turning over logs to discover all the mini beasts underneath. There has also been some enthusiastic digging and weeding of the beds in preparation for sowing wild flower seeds.

Working with wool and sticks to create Gods Eyes has been a good fireside activity. There has also been the opportunity to use the hand tools to create wooden disc necklaces, tree hangers, light sabers and many other imaginative creations! We are also pleased that children were able to use the bow saw, the billhook and the peelers to create mallets.

We have had a great time working with Year Three and are looking forward to meeting Year One this term. We have more plans to keep improving the outdoor area and are hoping the Rabbit class will be inspired by our Bug Hotel project.

Just a reminder to Year One parents/carers, even though the weather should be more spring like in April, it is still a good idea for children to wear wellingtons. Over trousers or comfortable joggers are always good to wear as we do kneel down a lot for tool work and it just makes it more comfortable for the children.



On behalf of everyone at St Mary's - thank you to EcoWild and the PTA Fundraisers!