

**Forest school dates: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June.**

Forrest School!

Year 2 began their session with a fun game of 'Squirrels' which involved a lot of quick thinking and teamwork. The theme for today was colour as we move into the summer months and our next activity was a nature colour hunt. Each child had a small piece of card with double-sided sticky tape and they were challenged to find as many different colours in nature as they could and put a small sample of each colour on their card. The children carefully observed the ground and plants around them and were surprised at how many different colours they found. We discovered lots of beautiful, tiny pinkish-purple flowers on our travels called Dove's-foot crane's-bill.

After the hunt, the children listened to a story called 'Mabel's Magical Garden' which contained some important messages in it about friendship and nature. After the story, Emma discussed seed dispersal with the classes and showed them dandelion and sycamore seeds as examples of this process.

For the rest of the session, some children chose to continue to be colourful with painting. They used watercolours to 'shadow paint' nature. This involved placing a piece of watercolour paper underneath plants and long grasses which created a shadow on the page. They then used the shadows as a guideline to paint over. Other children learnt a specific wet felting process with Emma to create colourful felt flowers. This activity involved a lot of patience and focus! The children were very proud of the results. Other children chose to use the bow saw with Alice to saw a wood slice. They then decorated them colourfully with nature themes. Some children chose to create different dens with long sticks and ropes, whilst others enjoyed the mud kitchen and hammocks.

To finish, Emma taught the children the song 'We Are the Wild Ones' and both classes sang it really well.

RE

- This week we have looked at our Catholic Social Teaching strand of Dignity.
- We have looked at how we all have special gifts and talents.
- Next week we will be looking at the story of the Good Samaritan.

*Vocabulary: Catholic Social Teaching, dignity, special, unique.*

English

- This week we have been continuing our work on 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth'.
- The children have been writing their own instructions about how to wash a woolly mammoth.
- Next week we will be focusing on our own cultural diversity.

*Vocabulary: imperative verb, command, instructions, equipment*

Maths

- This week we have continued our topic on fractions.
- We have been recognising the equivalence of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,
- Next week, we will be looking at fractions in a real life context.

*Vocabulary: fractions, quarter, third, half, denominator, numerator, equivalence.*

### Science

- This week we have finished our work on Plants.
- We have looked at what a plant needs to grow healthily.
- Next week, we will be starting our new topic on reusable materials.

*Vocabulary: measure, plant, seed, light, water, soil.*

### Extra information:

- Please make sure all children have plimsolls in school.
- Reading books are given out on **Fridays** to be returned the following **Thursday**.
- Library books are changed on **Tuesdays** for all KS1 classes.
- PE days are **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** for Lisbon and **Tuesdays and Fridays** for Padua.
- Please make sure children are wearing no jewellery, including rosaries, to school.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Cultural Diversity Day, children are invited to come into school in their cultural dress or colours of national flag.
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 9.15**– Year 2 Father's Day Assembly

Thank you for your continued support,

Bella, Eleay and Laura