

Year 2 Update 10.10.2025

Forest School

The children began their session with a short body tapping practice to calm and focus their bodies. Then they all took part in a mindfulness team challenge. In pairs, the children had to hold two short sticks between them with just their index fingers. They had to work carefully to move the sticks in different ways in unison. It required a lot of focus and being in sync with each other.

After this, we played a game of Squirrels as squirrels were part of our theme for the day. The children had great fun playing this. Then Emma told the children a story about a squirrel called 'The Nut Thief'. At the end of the story, we discussed what the squirrel had learnt and some children reflected on their own experiences which were similar to the story.

For the rest of the session, some children chose to experiment with seed roll painting. This involved rolling different seeds such as conkers and acorns through paint on paper to create patterns. Other children chose to be creative with clay. One idea suggested to the children was to make their own squirrel with a pine cone tail and some chose to do this. Lots of children worked with Emma to make their own conker soap. Conkers contain saponins, a soap-like substance. They used a mallet to break a conker up into small pieces and collect the inner white parts. They really enjoyed smashing the conkers and it required a lot of perseverance. Once they had collected enough of the conker pieces they added water and had to shake their pot for a while. Then they strained the mixture through some fabric to be left with their liquid soap. The children were looking forward to taking it home and trying it out! The mud kitchen was very popular as children were keen to try out the new wooden mud kitchen that Emma's father had made for the children. It really sparked their imagination. There was a lot of collaborative role play and some were even making a 'marvellous medicine'! A group of children were engaged in making waterways and waterfalls in the digging area and this involved a lot of exploration and solving problems together. Finally, there was a great amount of interest in creatures today as there was an abundance of ladybirds flying around (perhaps on their way to find suitable locations to hibernate).

RE

- In R.E this week the children have at Baptism and Noah's Ark. We discussed how they both represent new life. We discussed how the water washes away sins. It was great to see the wonderful rainbows that all the children created.
- Next week, the children will think about the baptismal promises made and make connection between Noah's actions and how we can show that we live our life by these baptismal promises.

Vocabulary: Baptism, promises, covenant, God parents.

English

- We have created ghost profiles, using a variety of conjunctions to explain all about our ghost.
- The conjunctions we've focused on are: 'if' and 'because'
- Next week we will be writing instructions on how to be a good friend.

Vocabulary: commands, inform, imperative verbs, conjunctions.

Maths

- This week we have continued our place value topic by ordering and comparing numbers.
- The children have thought about how place value tells us the order of a number.
- Next week, we will be finish our place value topic by ordering numbers on a number line.

Vocabulary: tens, ones, digit, numerals, place value, fewer, greater, inequality.

Science

- Our Science topic this half term is Living Things and their Habitats.
- We have looked at how animals in a rainforest and ocean habitat depend on each other for survival.
- Next week, we will be looking at food chains.

Vocabulary: habitat, feature, dependent, producer, predator, prey, consumer.

Extra information:

- Please ensure children have plimsolls in school.
- Children should not be wearing any jewellery including rosaries in school.
- The trim trail is **not** to be used before or after school.
- **Tuesday 14th October 1.45-3.30pm** – Grandparents/community afternoon, please inform the office if you have someone who would like to attend.
- **Friday 17th October 9.15am** – Year 2 parents assembly, parents are welcome to complete an activity in class after the assembly.
- **Wednesday 22nd October** – children's individual photo day.
- **Friday 24th October** – mufti day donations to be made on Gateway, term finishes at **3.30**.
- Please continue to use our donation boxes to donate to Watford Food Bank.
- We would be grateful for any donations of tissues.

Have a lovely weekend,

Bella and Megan 😊