

Woodland Schools - Reception

Christmas- 13.12.16

Key Value: Joy



On the way to the woods the children led me through the car park to the new gates. Isla – be careful it will be slippery because it's wet. As soon as we arrived at the woods they saw a big branch and decided to work together to take it up to camp. Excellent communication as they walked telling each other when to stop and start etc.



As they were walking through the woods they came across an area of ground that had been cleared away. James - A rabbit has been digging here. Georgia - it has moved everything off and flattened it. They also spotted a rabbits' burrow. Francis - The rabbit must live down there and come up to dig here. Scarlett - Look, it's a rabbit hole. Do not put anything down it. You will scare the rabbit.



The children noticed that the robin was difficult to see in the woods. I said it was camouflaged and asked what that meant. James – like the sea? Pearl – Wild? Georgia – like the army?

The reception children chose to go for a walk in the woods. They took pipe cleaners with them so that they could add things that they found on the way to make a journey decoration. James - be careful, the fence might be electricity. Look how dark it is down there! William - It's awesome and it's cool in the dark bit. Francis - I think it looks a bit scary. He held my hand. Ella - leaves are still falling off the trees. Look. They enjoyed climbing up the side of the bank and displayed good strength and control. Francis - We're higher than all of you up here.



Playing Ice-cream. The children organised themselves quickly and were very honest when they played. If they were caught they went all the way back to the beginning happily. They were able to stop quickly and began to predict when the person who was on would turn around.



When they put leaves on their pipe cleaners most could tell me the names of them. James - Sycamore. Pearl - Beech. William - an oak leaf.

When they got back to camp they finished their journey decorations using cheerio's, cinnamon, orange and/or apple. They enjoyed making the decorations and displayed good threading techniques. Georgia - That smells nice. Do you want to smell it? Pearl - it smells like Christmas cake. Isla - I can't fit that on (cinnamon) but I can thread an orange bit on.



They were very proud of their decorations and wanted to look at each other's. They talked about their Christmas trees at home and the kinds of decorations they have on it. Pearl - this is for an outside tree. The birds will like it.