

Woodland Schools - Reception

Molly Mouse's Christmas- 06.12.16

Key Value: Friendship



James – It is winter because all the leaves have fallen off. They walked safely up to camp. Georgia – be careful. It is wet and slippery going up here. Isla – there has been rain to make it muddy. Francis – but it is not raining now.



Some of the children started to collect sticks to add to the fence. They do this very confidently and are quick to ask for help if they think they need more people carrying it. Ella has realised that if she drags a long stick then she can do this safely by herself.



The children really enjoyed listening to Molly Mouse's Christmas and were amazed at the tree at the end. 'The stars are twinkling like lights.' They liked the idea of decorating their own nature Christmas tree and worked well threading the different things on. They talked about patterns. 'I'm doing cheerio, cheerio, orange.'



They were very excited to see that the robin was sitting on top of their tree. They wondered if it might add something to it.



They were interested in the different smells of the items used to make decorations (orange, cinnamon, apple, star anise). They passed them round and everyone said what they thought. Most liked the orange. Some found the cinnamon and star anise strong and unusual. Georgia – it smells like ginger.

The children were keen to make their own Christmas tree and everyone had a go at hammering. They remembered how to do it safely and displayed good hand/eye coordination. Some had a go at tying knots but found it difficult. They were very proud when they did it. This is something we will try again in Spring or summer when they haven't got gloves.

