

Woodland Schools - Reception

Stanley's Stick- 15.11.16

Key Value: Creative



Who can find a leaf with 2 or 3 colours on it? Scarlett – mine has green and yellow. Ella – mine is brown and orange. It is a sycamore leaf. William – I have brown and black. The children were very focussed looking for and talking about the different leaves. They tried to see if they could match the leaves to the tree they came from.



After listening to the story the children decided that they would like to make dens from the sticks they'd used to make a bridge. They quickly organised themselves so that they could transport the branches. Oliver - I'll tell you when to drop it. 1,2,3 drop. Josh - we need 4 to carry this but we only have 3. They worked really well together, asking when they needed help and keeping out of each other's way when they were transporting.

Reception enjoyed listening to Stanley's stick and talking about what they've used sticks for before. We talked about how Stanley felt at different stages of the story and they had a go at predicting what was going to happen next in the story.



Ella - I'm going to make a den for my stick. She worked by herself transporting sticks and leaning them against a tree to make a den.



'Look my stick is a horse! What is your stick?'



Francis - I have found a feather. I think it is a pigeon because they are grey and black. I told him that magpies were also black and white and it could be that too. He thought it was more grey than black.



Francis went straight to the bank that he was playing on last week and checked that he could still balance on it without falling off. He could.

Georgia - we can still see camp so we're ok. The children travelled a lot further, independently, today but were really good at checking that they could still see camp.



Climbing the bank and negotiating the best way to get back down again.



A group of children started using their sticks to make music. They tapped different rhythms on the side of camp and were quick to realise that different parts of the shelter made different sounds.



I asked the children to find me a beech leaf. All could identify beech. Pearl was also quick to identify sycamore.

Scarlett - I liked playing music with our sticks because I made a lot of noise.

Oliver - I liked everything because it's fun and interesting.

James - I liked making houses because I like making.

Pearl - I enjoyed using the sticks on the wall to make music because I made lots of tunes.

Isla - I liked playing stick hide and seek just because it's fun.

William - I enjoy mettling the stick (whittling). That means taking all the wood off and it's brilliant.

Ella - I liked making my den because I am proud of it.

Josh - I liked making the house from sticks and accidently made a house for a spider. I liked playing stick hide and seek.

Georgia - I enjoyed making houses down there but we didn't finish. I liked it because it was exciting.

Francis - I liked playing stick hide and seek because it makes me happy.