

Woodland Schools - Reception

Autumn Leaves - 11.10.16



On the way to the woods we talked about the signs of autumn. They pointed out the leaves on the trees and how they were beginning to change colour. 'They go orange, yellow, brown and red.' When we got to the gate Francis stopped everyone in good time. 'We don't want to get banged by the gate.' Georgia - it's getting autumn, look at the leaves over there. When we got to camp, they sorted themselves out to climb the rope safely. Francis held the rope and told people when to move.

Pearl - Be careful of the nettles Scarlett.



Look at all these pine cones growing along this stick.

Ela - I found a slug. It likes this leaf. She was fascinated by the slugs and showed them to her friends. 'I think that is an egg.'



Whilst we were walking we shut our eyes to listen to the sounds around us. Isla - I can hear birds. Georgia - I can hear the wind. Scarlett - I heard sticks breaking and crunching. Quiet, I can hear something else. James - I heard cars. It hears like a river.

The children loved exploring further into the woods. James - I've found an acorn. Isla - No it's a pine cone. Oliver - We've found a spider. We won't hurt it. Come and have a look. Scarlett - No one come this way. There is a prickly tree. Some of the children started to get worried that we were lost and didn't know where camp was. James - I know what we do, we just keep going along this fence. Josh - We're getting warmer. Do you know what that means?



They noticed that as we walked further into the woods it looked quite different to the bit near camp. Josh - These trees don't have leaves. William - that tree has 2 bits to it. Look, one bit going that way and the other bit going the other way.



James - This is like a drum. Look, I can play it like this.



The children enjoyed looking for different leaves and were good at trying to match them to the pictures. They talked about the different colours and what they felt like - crunchy, curled, hard, wet, and dry. Pearl was very good at identifying the leaves. 'This is a beech and this is a maple.' Francis - come on, let's go and find fat leaves.

Isla - you didn't listen to Anna, she said stop.

Making the journey sticks Scarlett asked for help. I asked her to have a try. 'I'm only 5, it's difficult!' She had a try and came back to me. 'I did it!' she was very proud. Ela and Isla tried to fit lots of leaves on theirs.



Scarlett - I liked making the sticks because I put loads of things on mine.

William - I liked looking at the autumn trees because it was fun.

Francis - I liked climbing up the rope because it's fun.

Pearl - I liked making the journey stick because I found lots of things.

Josh - I like climbing the rope because it's fun.

Ela - I liked making the sticks because I put different leaves on it.

James - I liked everything because it's really fun and I like looking at nature.

Oliver - I like everything because it's fun.

Isla - I like everything because it's exciting.

Georgia - I liked exploring further into the woods because it was exciting.