

Woodland Schools - Reception

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When they arrived at the camp they were excited to see the rope to help them up the slope. We talked about how to use it safely and William offered to hold the end for everyone. Once at the top the children were keen to watch their friends have a go and gave them lots of encouragement. All children managed to carefully climb using a hand over hand action.



The children were amazed to see how many trees had been chopped down. Josh - The trees have been chopped down to make stuff out of wood. Scarlett - signs. Isla - fires. Isla J - To make toys and gates. Frances - paper. Scarlett - where is our camp? I showed them the way to the new woods and they were delighted to see the camp was there!



We talked about the Woodland school rules. They remembered them really well and followed them beautifully. Isla H - Be gentle with sticks. Isla J - We must walk. Scarlett - keep our fingers away from our mouths. Oliver - We need 2 people holding long sticks.



The children were very keen to explore the new woods and were excited to share with each other what they had seen. Isla H - look at the mushrooms. Georgia - what do you think is making these holes? Oliver - look at this tree with bird poo all over (it was a rotten log) we talked about living/non-living and dead things). They were particularly interested in the beech nuts and enjoyed collecting them. I asked why there weren't any beech nuts further along the path. James - look the tree is now different. It's a twig tree.



When I called the children to come back to the camp, they quickly organised themselves to help each other up the rope. They took turns well and did it safely.



James- Look guys at this blood on the tree. Look it's bleeding! We talked about sap and that this was the sap from the tree seeping out.



Oliver – look, I'm hitting sticks to make a sound.



Isla was interested in this piece of wood because it looked different to the branches and twigs in the woods. We looked around to see what it was from and she decided that it was from the fence and not a tree.

Georgia - I preferred the old woods because I liked the dens.

Isla - I liked the old woods because I really liked the den.

Scarlett - I like the new woods because there is so much to see and search around and animals to see.

Isla J - I like the new woods because they are fun.

Oliver - I like the new woods because you can look around it and find new things.

William - I prefer the new woods because I love walking and seeing new things.

James - I like this new camp because there is lots of nature and birds and trees.

Frances - I like all of the woods because I love looking at the rocks and sticks and animals.

Ella - I like the old woods because I like the dens.

Josh - In the old woods the trees have all been chopped down so the animals all have new homes in here.