

Woodland Schools - Year 1

Christmas- 13.12.16

Key Value: Joy



On the way to the woods the children were excited to see buds on a tree. Hattie – in the spring more leaf buds will grow. Gil – It will then get more buds for the flowers. We talked about the 4 seasons and they knew the characteristics of each season. They liked to think that buds were beginning to grow ready for the spring. They looked at other trees but couldn't find any more buds. They talked about winter weather and that they wanted it to be 'snowy and cold but sunny and nice for Christmas.'

The children were keen to play 1,2,3 where are you. they hid well and are beginning to go further afield and on their own, but within the rules. I observed rather than joining in today and they organised themselves well.



The children were keen to make decorations that they could take home for their trees. They talked about the cinnamon and orange and thought it smelled like Christmas. We talked about the types of food they like to eat. 'Gingerbread, mince pies, Christmas cake, sprouts, turkey, chocolate, sweets.'

The children told me about the Christmas story and we imagined what it would have been like sleeping in a stable. They didn't fancy it!

I was very impressed with the children's hammering skills today. They were accurate and careful. They found it difficult to wind the wool around the nails but persevered. Great focus! They were all delighted with their Christmas trees when they finished. Louis - I am being careful when I hammer. I haven't hurt my finger. Hattie - I can draw my tree and put the bauble nails at the end of each bit. Beatrice - Anna can you help me put the wool tinsel on my tree? It keeps coming off. Noah - Gil, can you help me hold this nail. It keeps falling over.

