

## Woodland Schools - Years 1 & 2

### Autumn Leaves - 11.10.16



The year 1 children were very excited to be able to show the year 2s the new woods. It was nice to see the connection that they feel they have with it now. They talked to the year 2s about what they should expect and what they had done. They were also quick to explain why the old woods had been chopped down when we walked past. Haris was shocked at how the old woods looked and became concerned about the animals that lived there. 'Did they warn the animals so that they could move to the new woods?' Oscar – Haris, you need to stop here so that you don't get hit by the gate. The year 1s were keen to show how to climb the rope safely. Everyone had a turn and those who had climbed went to explore the top bit of woods.



'Look at the slug on the leaf.' We talked about slugs and the kind of places that they might like to live. We decided to find somewhere dark and damp for it.



Haris - I made this out of fern leaves. It's for a woodlouse.



They worked carefully when making the leaf bowls. They talked about the leaves they had chosen. They decided that the big sycamore leaves were the best to use because they covered a bigger area.



Freya - look at all the different colours on this leaf. It's a summer leaf that is turning into an autumn leaf.

The girls worked hard threading the leaves onto pipe cleaners to make leaf caterpillars. We talked about the types of leaves they could use. They decided it was better if they were a similar size.



Haris enjoyed matching the leaves against the pictures. 'This is a beech leaf. I know it because it's rounder like in the picture.'



Louis was proud to show Louise the different areas of the woods that we were allowed to explore. He could explain to her how far we could travel. 'We have to be able to see the bottom of camp.'



Hattie asked for help to get down the bank and then decided that she could do it herself if she used her hands too. A very careful descent.



Hugo and Gil noticed that people were walking along the top of the bank and there were long branches lying across the top of it. They decided to move them to somewhere that was safer.



The children set up an identification table on a tree stump so that they could take their leaves to it to identify them.

Hugo - I liked carrying the sticks so no one could trip.

Gil - I liked playing with Hugo with the sticks so none got hurt. The long sticks were hard to carry.

Haris - I enjoyed making a woodlouse den from fern and I made a bed for it.

Oscar - I enjoyed exploring the different paths.

Patrick - I liked making the leaf bowl because it was fun.

Noah - I liked making the leaf bowls because it was great.

Nell - I liked making my caterpillar because I liked looking for the leaves for it and exploring.

Elouise - I enjoyed seeing Haris' woodlouse house. It looked fun to make.

Nina - I liked making my caterpillar because I liked collecting the leaves.

Rose - I enjoyed exploring the woods. I found a bit that looked familiar but I don't know why.

Louise - I liked looking for the leaves and naming them.

Isla - I liked collecting the leaves to make the caterpillar.

Louis - I liked finding the leaves because it was fun.

Beatrice - I enjoyed looking for the leaves on the sheet.

Hattie - I liked fixing the fairy den with sticks.

Freya - I like exploring because I love the woods and I like seeing the different leaves. I saw one that was green and yellow and brown.

Samuel - I liked exploring at the start because we found lots of sticks.

Oliver - I liked making the bowl because I enjoyed dipping the leaves in glue.