

Woodland Schools - Year 1

Animal homes - 04.10.16



I asked the children to find 5 signs of autumn as they were walking to the woods. They had a great discussion about the differences in the seasons. Nell – I saw robins on the trees and lots of berries. Hattie – I saw lots of birds eating berries. Beatrice – the berries are poisonous to us but not the birds. I saw yellow leaves. Louis – look at that tree. It's hardly got any leaves because it is autumn. Oliver – that blackbird has taken a berry. I saw leaves starting to fall. Patrick – there are raspberries in the garden. Oscar – I have raspberries and blackberries. Freya – flowers are dying because it's getting colder. Gil – I saw a beech nut, it's gone all yellow and orange. Nell – Animals will be hibernating in autumn. Hedgehogs hibernate.

Rose - Can we go and look at our wishes please?



Hattie asked if she could make a wish for the wish tree. She remembered how to drill safely and asked a friend to help her by holding the wood.



Nell and Louis travelled further into the woods but were quick to tell me that they could still see the camp.



The children listened well to the animal homes song and could name the different homes. Oscar - rabbit burrow. Beatrice - bird's nest. Rose - Bee hive. Noah - spider's web. Patrick - fox den



Gil - We're making a bug hotel. I saw a beetle, he'll like it. Oliver - we'll get some food for him.

Rose decided to make a birds nest using lengths of wool and sticks. She chose her tree carefully as it was high up so she could watch the others moving the sticks and logs whilst making her nest.



Beatrice - I found this thing with lots of legs. We talked about what it could be. She decided it was a millipede. They also found a slug. 'It likes dark wet places.'



Look at this egg that I found. Gil - It's a crows egg because they are that colour.



The children were excited to go further into the woods and make their journey sticks. They talked about how the woods changed. 'There aren't any beech nuts.' 'So there aren't any beech trees.' 'The trees are all spiky here.'

Louis - I found the skin of a tree. Oscar - it's called bark.

Patrick - look there is a hole in our den. Oscar - it's a woodpecker. Woodpeckers can drill through trees. Rose - We found a woodpecker hole in our den.

Rose was very quick to leave her nest building to help Freya when she realised she was struggling getting down the slope.



Patrick - everyone we need some help to carry this please. You need to stand in the middle to make it easier for us.

