



Week 1: Friday 1st December – Waterproof Dens:

Once we arrived at the site, the rules at Forest School were explained to the children and that today's session is going to be making waterproof dens out of tarpaulins. Before this, we did a few rounds of the Green Watcher game. Afterwards, we split the children into groups and each group took a tarpaulin and built their waterproof dens along with a campfire and a seating area. I was very impressed with the teamwork on show and all the waterproof dens were brilliant.

Week 2: Friday 8th December – Bugs/decorating an animal:

Upon our arrival to the site I explained to the children that this session was all about creatures that we can find at forest school. The children were split into pairs and given a bug pot. They had to catch bugs and find the bugs they found on the bug ID table. Once they had done this we spent some time looking at all the different bugs that we found at our forest school site. Then the children were invited to decorate a hedgehog outline using natural materials.

Week 3: Friday 15th December – Whittling pencils with knives:

The focus of this week's session was using the sharp whittling knives to safely make homemade campfire pencils, which we will burn the tips of at the next week's session. The children who were waiting to whittle would be litter picking the forest school site with Mrs Crook. I was very impressed with everyone's safety when using the knives and some very good pencils were made. Well done!

Week 4: Thursday 21st December – Christmas forest school:

Due to the weather we stayed at the school for today's forest school session. I explained to the children how today's session was toast marshmallows around a campfire and play some games. After a few round of Green Watcher I gathered the children around the fire pit that was on the corner of the playground. Just as we were about to start toasting the children were distracted by an appearance of a mother of pearl cloud in the sky; it was really beautiful to see and none of us had see this before. Everyone enjoyed toasting their marshmallow and burning the end of their campfire pencil. I hope Sycamore class have enjoyed the 4 weeks of forest school and I look forward to teaching them again when they are in Maple Class.