

Forest School – March 2023



Spring is certainly in the air and as we approach the end of the spring term, we have been glad to feel warmth in the sun once again and have enjoyed watching the plants and trees come back to life as if by magic before our eyes! As always, we have been very busy this term with plenty of fun activities including: making large nature board games, nature bingo, putting up bird houses, working out the age of our trees, creating dens and God's eyes, making toast/pancakes, digging out the pond area, rolling soil into seed bombs for our wildflower area and practising fire lighting. The children have been especially inspired by our story telling sessions which are a big part of forest school.

The children learn stories with actions and props which they can then re-tell to their friends as they explore our forest school area. The stories, songs and games that we play help build their confidence, strengthen their social and literacy skills as well as help them to connect with one another to forge new friendships. This has been their favourite story this term and we would like to share it with you - try creating some props and tell it to one another at home over the holidays. You will be amazed when you cut that apple at the end! It's called:

The Little Red House With No Windows and No Doors and a Star Inside

Props Needed – A toy or picture of a boy, pig, cow, horse, and kitty, a large red apple, and a knife (adult supervised of course!)

Once upon a time there was a little boy. He was looking for something to do one beautiful autumn day, so his mum told him to go find a little red house with no windows and no door and a star inside.

This sounded very interesting to the little boy. He had never seen a little red house with no windows and no doors and a star inside, so he set out!

He was walking down the road when suddenly he saw Mr. Pig. The little boy asked, "Mr. Pig, Mr. Pig, do you know where I can find a little red house with no windows or doors and a star inside?"

Mr. Pig said, "Oink! Never heard of it!" and trotted off.

So the boy kept walking. Next he saw Miss Cow eating some grass by the side of the road. The little boy asked, "Miss Cow, Miss Cow, do you know where I can find a little red house with no windows or doors and a star inside?"

Miss Cow said, "Mooooo! Never heard of it!" and went back to eating her grass.

So the boy kept walking. Next he saw Mr. Horse galloping down the road. The little boy asked, "Mr. Horse, Mr. Horse, do you know where I can find a little red house with no windows and no doors and a star inside?"

Mr. Horse said, "Neeeeigh-ver heard of it!" and galloped off.

The little boy was starting to feel sad. Where on earth was he going to find this mysterious little red house with no windows and no doors and a star inside?

Just when the little boy was about to give up and head home, he saw Miss Kitty sitting way up high in a beautiful apple tree.

The little boy cried out, "Miss Kitty, Miss Kitty! Do you know where I can find a little red house with no windows and no doors and a star inside?"

Well, Miss Kitty peered down at the little boy out of that big beautiful tree and said, "WHY YES, YES I DO." Then suddenly Miss Kitty threw a large red apple down from the tree (***pull out a big, red apple***).

The little boy reached out and caught the shiny red apple.

He looked at it and scrunched up his nose, "Miss Kitty, are you saying that this apple is a little red house with no windows and no doors and a star inside?"



Miss Kitty replied, "Why yes, yes it is."

The little boy said, "Let's see... This apple is red. And it has no windows. And it doesn't have any doors. But does it have a star inside?"

(At this point in the story you will carefully use the knife to cut the apple in half HORIZONTALLY - please take caution by making sure no curious little fingers are close to your knife!!! And...)

TADA - a star!



Enjoy looking at the photos – ask your children to talk you through what you see as there's always a story behind the picture! Have a wonderful Easter and I look forward to welcoming you back in the summer term.

Mrs McInnes



