

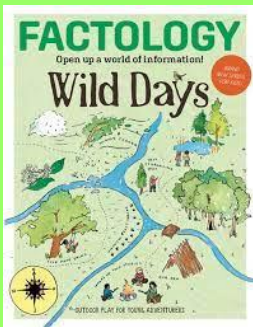
## Forest School – July 2021

I can't believe it's the end of term already! We have had such a lovely last week in Forest School - the children made their own Ash breads, or paticakes as we now call them. They mixed the flour with water before patting them into flat oval shapes which then went into the pan to be cooked on the fire. Followed by the slathering of chocolate sauce which made it an extra tasty treat!



This term we have been observing the massive changes around us. Everywhere you look in Forest school at the moment there is lots going on, whether that is looking at the bees feeding off the nectar in the beautiful flowers that are blooming, larva bugs changing into ladybirds or tadpoles slowly but surely turning into frogs. We have had so much fun doing all sorts of activity amongst nature including memory games looking at all of the things we can find in a certain area, making nature head bands with a few carefully picked flowers and leaves, building more dens camouflaged in long grass, concocting sparkly, smelly potions, creating tree rubbings and identifying the different leaves as well as further improving those swinging, climbing, balancing and fire lighting skills.

The children have grown up so much and have really impressed me with their ability to help each other, take responsibility for jobs and each other as well as reflect on their learning. In our last fire circle, Year 1 told me their favourite things about forest school this year which included: 'helping my friends', 'playing with everyone' and the wonderful experience of finding Scruffy the mole, caring for him, burying him and saying a prayer for him in the other world.



I wish you all a super summer and look forward to seeing you all again in the autumn for more Forest School fun! If you want to have your own fun out in the wild this summer, take a look at this book which you can buy online or at WH Smith in town – it's brilliant and packed with wonderful ideas for the whole family to enjoy.

Mrs McInnes





