

Forest School – December 2021



This half of term the weather has become more chilly and wet but we have wrapped up warm and carried on having lots of fun at forest school. One week we even had some ice all over the tables and the children loved examining it closely, watching how it melted in their fingers!



It has been the perfect weather for planting saplings and we were lucky enough to be successful in an application for 30 free saplings from the Woodland Trust as part of their endeavour to



plant 50 million trees across the UK. The children have worked incredibly hard to plant the new hedgerow at forest school. We received various species including Hawthorn, Hazel, Dog Rose and Crab Apple. The project challenged the children in many ways as they had to carefully measure out the plots for planting



using a metre stick, dig the holes and then plant the saplings with a

supportive rod and plastic tubing to protect them until they are bigger. We look forward to watching how they grow when the weather warms up again in the spring.



planter from a wooden pallet where we have also planted some herbs.

Planting has certainly kept us busy as we have found special places for lots of lovely bulbs – crocus, snowdrops and daffodils. Mr Tait even made us a



The children showed me how much more responsible they are by helping to build and light fires; we had a lovely time toasting marshmallows and warming our hands by the fire whilst practising the nativity songs!

The autumn leaves have been particularly stunning this year and the children have created some wonderful art with the leaves, have a look at the pictures on the next page.

Enjoy your Christmas holidays and make sure you look after your local birds as well as you have been caring for our forest school birds. Our robin has been particularly sociable, coming to say hello!

Mrs McInnes



