

# Forest School - May 2021

It's been a busy 6 weeks in Forest School and the children have made me proud as always. They have been working on their balance skills by using the new slackline which has proved to be very popular, almost as popular as the rope swing! They started off quite wobbly and they are now so much more confident, even trying to get across using one hand. It's best when it's dry so we'll get it out more after half term, fingers crossed. Other activities have included: using a hand saw, making bows and arrows, fishing for leaves using our stick fishing rods, planting out some pink sunflowers, creating slides using the drainpipes, making a forest school instrument using a large stick with various pots & pans, roasting marshmallows and building a new pond for our tadpoles. The children have been fascinated by the pond and how the tadpoles are getting bigger. The plants we put in there should be giving them lots of oxygen and hopefully in another few weeks we should have some frogs.



This term we were also very lucky to find a mole in our mud kitchen! Sadly he had died but we had a good look at his wonderful digging paws and tiny eyes. The children really impressed me with their sensitive, caring natures. We named him Scruffy, made a cross from wood that we foraged in forest school, said a few prayers and have now created a lovely quiet area where he is buried. The children take great care of this area and often rake it – they say it is because they 'care about Scruffy and want it to look nice for him.'

If you fancy a challenge, The Wildlife Trust are setting up their 30 Acts of Wildness for June. We will be doing some of the challenges at Forest School but you can also do them at home together. To find out more go to [www.wildlifetrusts.org](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org)

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