

The Enchanted Woodland Y1



If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise! This half term, we'll look round the local environment to investigate various trees, observe the wildlife, collect natural objects and take beautiful pictures of the things we make. We'll use information books to investigate woodland creatures. Throughout the project, we will find out how to recognise different plants and animals and create detailed, observational drawings of them. We will listen to traditional woodland tales which will inspire us to write our own stories with a woodland theme. We'll use natural materials to create ephemeral art and construct story settings from collage materials as well as twigs, sticks and leaves. At the end of our project, if Covid allows, we'll read our stories aloud and show you our woodland pieces of art.

Topic focus	Science
Literacy	Recounts, information books, letters, lists, instructions, stories, traditional stories
Science	Plants and animals, identifying and classifying plants, animals
Art	Working with natural materials, observational drawing, painting
Computing	Learning to access the Chromebook and use our logins and passwords
DT	Cooking
Maths	Shape, place value, addition and subtraction
PE	Outdoor games
Me and my world	Mental health and well-being and physical health
RE	<i>Incarnation – Why is Christmas important to Christians?</i> Christmas and the Nativity



This topic will start with baked goods and a red hood.

FABULOUS FINISH



If Covid allows, near the end of our topic we'll invite you to plant some trees and engage in woodland activities.

N.B. Phonics and spelling lessons will be ongoing throughout the year, as will reading. Help your child prepare for their project. Why not take a woodland walk and see which plants and creatures you can find? Simple spotting books or apps will help you to identify unknown species. Alternatively, visit the local library and borrow information and storybooks about woodland creatures to read together. You could also collect twigs, leaves, seed cases and flowers to make natural art together outside. Remember to take photos before the wind blows your artwork away!

A particularly good website is the Woodland Trust for a variety of resources and information on woodlands and trees.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>