



Nursery Forest School

Wednesday 15th March

Nursery set off for the woods together on a beautiful bright morning. On the way the children each had a toy bird to fly to the woods. They were great at recalling some of the bird names; robin, blackbird, blue tit and woodpecker from their last session. The children looked out for and listened for birds and spotted some crows, saw a tiny robin in the tree singing and heard woodpeckers tapping away at trees, in search of food.

We talked about the bluebells and why we are not going to play in the woods for a few weeks, to preserve these beautiful plants on the woodland floor.

The children had a go at climbing onto the dinosaur tree and finding spots for their birds to rest and nest on the tree.

"The tree looks like a bird...it has fallen down"

"My chaffinch wants to peck at the tree to find food"

There was lots of time for climbing and physical challenges at the turtle mound. The children were interested in climbing small trees and investigating the ground. They found chestnut cases which were really spiky, lots of moss and clay and rabbit holes. They also enjoyed playing with the dried, fallen leaves on the floor. It was great fun throwing them up in the air and watching how they fell. The children found hazel catkins on the ground and collected lots of them.

"They are soft...they are wiggly...they are like worms...this one is longer"

When the children got back to the nursery, they used some hay to make nests for their birds had a great time playing with them. There was time to create some beautiful, colourful birds from card, chalk pastels and sticks. Some of the children used the catkins they had collected in the woods as worms; food for their birds.

