

# Fantastic Forest School

Our second forest school session for our year 2's began with us as always sat in the fire circle.

We all remembered from last week our code of conduct and how we need to respect our outdoor environment whilst we share it with our flora and fauna.

Everyone was really excited today about our task and we couldn't wait to get started!



Because of how tricky our task was going to be we split the group into two. The first group had a mission to go and collect natural materials and build mini dens for our wildlife. They decided what they wanted to build and used their imagination to create some super homes to keep our creatures safe and warm in the winter months.

Whilst the first group ventured out the second group chose whether to make wands or bows and arrows from willow whips.

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We all really wanted to complete this task as independently as possible and with choices made everyone cut their whip to the correct length.

For the wands, we carefully bent our whips into sections and then folded them to make a shape of a star before tying it with twine. They looked fantastic!

For our bows and arrows we first gently bent the whip over our knees to make it more elasticated. We then took one end of the whip and made a special knot with twine and then carefully we pulled the other end to make an arch and tied the other end of twine to it. With a stick for an arrow we had completed our task.

We then swapped over so we all had a go at everything. After a break we all then played with our creations. What a brilliant session we had all had!

