

A photograph of an autumn scene. On the left, a dark, textured tree trunk is visible. The foreground is filled with a thick layer of fallen leaves in various shades of brown, orange, and yellow. Several leaves are captured in mid-air, falling from the top of the frame. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light green and yellow, suggesting a bright, sunny day.

Go Wild - Autumn 2 - Nursery

Our Go Wild outdoor learning sessions have been a little chilly at times this half term, but the children have had a great introduction to Outdoor Learning and have begun learning lots of different skills as well as developing existing ones. I hope you enjoy seeing what they have been up to.

Miss Hill - Outdoor Learning Lead





Discovering and Exploring
A big part of our outdoor learning is about the children following their own interests and making their own discoveries. The children have found and explored natural objects, including conkers and acorns, learnt about different consistencies of mud, searched for wildlife and insects we have outside and explored the traces of the changes in the weather, creating frosty handprints.





Challenge - To collect bark to put underneath the rope swing that was getting very muddy and slippery.

What started out as a one person job, ended in the children learning how to work together (with little adult support) to transport the heavy wheelbarrow over the sloping, bumpy grass to the tree swing. The 'kind words' the Nursery children were using to encourage each other, really was heart warming and delightful to hear. The challenge was successfully completed and the children unknowingly developed so many skills, including effective communication, social skills, gross motor skills and resilience.



Ball and Water Run

Two popular activities where children have the opportunity to observe 'cause and effect' and engage in problem solving.

What happens when the track is broken?

How can we fix it?

What if the pipes get full of leaves?

How can we make the ball roll faster?

What happens if we don't catch the water at the bottom of the run?

What containers are best to use; which hold the most water?





Den Building

The Nursery children have been proud of their den building skills. Again, teamwork and communication are key to the children's successes when taking an active part in such activities together. Fine motor and gross motor skills are being used and developed; staking canes into the ground, pegging on the clips and wrapping the tarpaulin around the canes. What a great den it was!





Imaginative Play
The children have very much enjoyed building imaginary camp fires throughout the weeks. They made and toasted imaginary marshmallows by piecing a leaf onto a stick. This involved a 'try and try again' attitude to learning as many of the leaves split and it was tricky to get them to stay on the twigs. Concentration levels were high and the children's resilience was tested!

Staying Active

It is important to keep the children active in colder weather. They have loved acting out the song, 'Incy Wincy Spider', climbing to the top of the hill and getting washed down again by whirling twirling snowstorms, thunderstorms and wind. The children have repeatedly asked to do this activity.

Our rope swing is also a big hit and challenges the children to use their gross motor skills to; climb on, balance, hold themselves up and swing! They are also encouraged to manage their own safety and to keep their friends safe too by making sure they are not too close when swinging.



Books We Have Shared

Most of our Go Wild sessions have a story to aid our learning outdoors. As well as the enjoyment of listening to stories being read, we use books to learn about nature, to identify wildlife, and how to look after the environment and everything in it. The children learn and begin to use new vocabulary in the sessions and in future learning. Thank you for your support in providing suitable clothing for the sessions each week. We are very proud of how the children have worked outdoors.

We hope you a wonderful break and we will see all the Nursery children in the new year, when we will look forward to continuing their outdoor learning journey - Miss Hill

