Red Fox group at Forest School

March 24th 2015

Come and share our adventure!

One last time...

We all sat on the Giant's chair.

I heard a crack!
Zoë

I did it!
I beat you – Yeah!

If you listen carefully, the Forest School can be heard talking to you. It doesn't speak in English but speaks through the sounds of the birds, wind and the leaves and trees. We had a think about what Forest School could be saying to us. Rhys noticed the rustling sounds made by the leaves as he walked on them and thought that they could be saying...

No standing on me! I'm precious!

He's back again!
Callie

We had a lot to carry today and Aston offered to carry one of the heaviest bags.

The mole had been very busy and left an enormous mound of earth today – but there was still no sign of him.

What shall we play...

We always enjoy playing games. Everyone found it much easier to blow bubbles through the tube. Practice does make perfect!

Blowing bubbles took a lot of concentration today. We could see rainbows in them as they floated across the fire circle. Some children could only blow one bubble at a time. Kian could blow big bubbles and Gabriela could blow lots and lots at once.

Dip, dip, dipety dip, breathe then BLOW!

Mines in the bucket!

Charlie

Dip, dip, dipety dip, breathe, then BLOW!

Julia and Maksim enjoyed chasing the bubbles.

The bubbles helped us to decide which way the wind was blowing.

Preparing the fire

The fire circle was laid out differently today. There was a blue rope which meant: stop and think. Julia asked us to help her squash up some paper to put on the fire. We were allowed to walk into the fire circle to help with this.

Small bits of twigs that go on the fire are called kindling.

Now ,we must keep away from the fire circle unless we are asked to enter.

Come and take a seat

Our grown-ups came and they were just as excited as we were. Some of the logs were a bit bumpy and difficult to balance on with a little person on your lap!

How can we light it?

The twigs were arranged carefully just like Eeyore's house in Winnie the Pooh because this makes the fire go better. Everything was ready,

but...

Oh no! Julia had forgotten the matches. The children offered some ideas.

You need to rub your sticks together.
Emily

You need a radiator.
Keeley

Luckily for Julia, two baby dragons had been sleeping in her pocket. They were learning how to breathe fire and offered to help. Charlotte and Jayden named the dragons Rory and Chopper. They helped the fire steel to light the fire.

Preparation

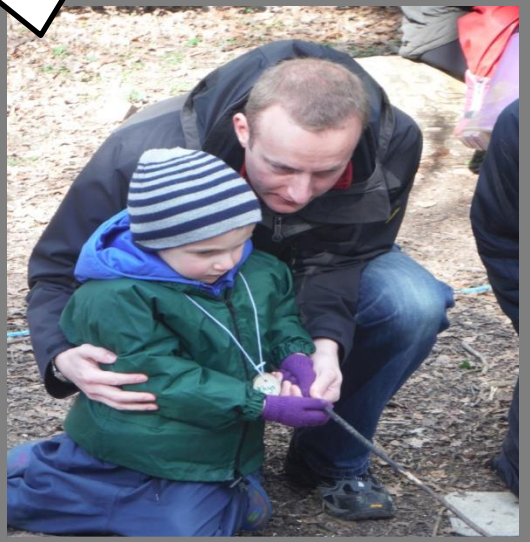
There appeared to be many badgers in the woods today, because while we waited for our toasting sticks to be cleaned or to cool we had to count them *(We were just pretending!)*

Putting the stick into the fire before toasting a marshmallow helps to clean it. When it comes out of the fire you need to count another 10 badgers.

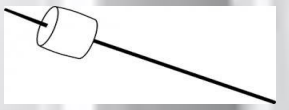
Cooking

We are firing marshmallows
Emily

Our grown-ups helped us to cook our marshmallow over the fire. We had to watch carefully – only a few went black!



Lucy had to cook another one because she kindly shared her first with her brother.



It will cook quicker if we make it lower
Elisia

Julia asked if she could do this again at home.

Now count to 15 badgers and then...

Can I have more?
Matthew

It tastes like strawberry!

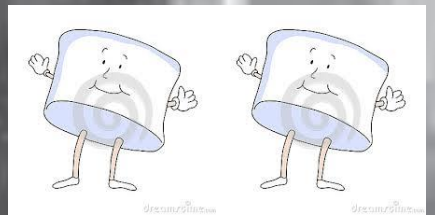
They are so tasty!
Estelle

Hollie, Maksim and his mummy discovered that toasted marshmallow are very sticky!

Charlotte's Daddy liked them so much that he had two!

Look at my face!

We had to be patient whilst it cooled.



Enjoy....

Popcorn...

We also cooked some popcorn on the fire. Julia used two sieves and Hollie told us that, "They are to stop the popcorn popping out"

Some of us found new ways to eat our popcorn. We also discovered that popcorn and breadsticks make the perfect snack.

The popcorn took a little while to cook. So Maksim made up a song for us all to sing while we waited. It went like this ...

Pop,pop,pop, POP

Matthew noticed that...

Look, It's changing into a different shape.

Jayden voiced everyone's thoughts when he said, "Ahh. It's nice cooking in the sun!"

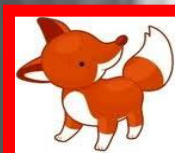
Goodbye Forest School!

Forest School, Forest School, let us out please!

Forest School is muddy you know. It doesn't matter if you get your wellies dirty!
Hollie

Sienna has loved every minute of it!

A huge thank you to the councillor for his donation which made this wonderful experience possible .
Emily's Mummy

Hopefully we can come back another day!

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