

Forest School Learning for Week Commencing 8th February 2021

First signs of Spring

Pottering around my garden, I have started to notice the first signs of spring. The birds are busying themselves, starting to build their nests, and my spring flowers are poking through the soil.

What are the first signs of spring appearing near you?

Draw a picture to try and capture your signs of spring and how it makes you feel.



Woodland Dragons

In assembly, Mrs Whiting talked about the Chinese New Year that takes place this weekend, so I thought it would be great to have a go at creating a woodland dragon.

You may well have played with chalks on pavements but chalks are also good for drawing on trees; the textured bark is really satisfying to draw on! This activity can help younger children to develop their fine motor skills (including pencil grip) and mark-making confidence, as well as promoting creativity for all ages.

Try looking for knots in trees that look like dragons' eyes and using the chalks to draw on the surrounding area; the bumpy bark makes brilliant dragon skin.



Make a jar lantern

This is an easy craft activity that uses an old jar to make a pretty lantern. You can use fallen leaves to decorate it but coloured tissue paper also makes a lovely effect.

You will need:

- An empty, clean jam jar (not the lid)
- Coloured tissue paper or leaves and PVA glue
- Tea light or battery light

What to do:

- Use the leaves or cut a piece of tissue paper to fit around your glass jar
- Brush a layer of PVA glue on the outside of your glass jar then carefully wrap the tissue paper or leaf around the jar
- Let it dry
- Place a tea light in the bottom and let an adult light your tea light. I like to use battery lights in my jars so they are safe to use anywhere.

