



Forest School at Arlesdene Nursery School

Monday 11th March 2019



Today at Forest School we noticed signs of Spring, like the cold wind and the bright sun, flowers appearing on the trees and the pigeons nesting in the fir tree.

We sang our Spring time song again, this time children began to join in and sign along too!



After hearing a story about the Giant in the forest who made creatures from clay, the children joined in making their own creatures. Some were mystical, giants or Boo Boos, with 3 eyes, 98 legs or even a Flying Elephant Hamster! We used natural found items to push into the clay to add features, talking about their homes, diets and behaviour as we created!

The Forest School then reflected as a group on what they had made. Children are showing empathy towards other living things and making connections to their understanding of the world. There's been an obvious change in how engaged children are in open ended activities and they are curious about the natural world around them.

To continue learning at home: ask your child a question about their invented creature.

What does it eat?

Where does it live?

How does it move?

If your child would like to, you can use the clay to make a new invented creature together. Use seeds, leaves, twigs, feathers to build into your creature!

Share your child's words and creations with us and we can add this special moment to their learning journal!

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