



Forest School at Arlesdene Nursery School May 2019

During May in Forest School we extended our knowledge of minibeasts and insects, this time learning about butterflies. Children observed the symmetrical patterns on the butterflies wings and found two items which were the same.



After a quick demonstration of Hapazome (bashing a flower or leaf with a stone, onto a piece of cotton material), children set to work finding leaves which they could bash!

Flowers too, were picked, whilst lots of conversations was had about leaving most of the flowers for the bees and the butterflies to feed from. Generally, we teach children not to pick flowers from the plants, but through using the pansies from the front garden (which were planted especially for this activity), children also learned the reason **why** we don't pick flowers.

Other safety lessons included being safe handling stones, washing our hands after handling plants and asking which plants we could pick, knowing others could harm us.

We've seen a huge development in children being able to explain what they've been doing at Forest School, do ask your child and see what they can tell you!

Forest School will commence again after half term, but there'll be some change in the groups. We're also looking forward to using Burleigh's field and trees looking forward and extending the time we spend at Forest School.

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