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The weather has been great at Forest School this first half term; lots of sunny days to enjoy! Here is a flavour of what each year group has been taking part in.

Beech, Larch and Elder

To link in with the Superhero topic we have been focusing on minibeasts and the superpowers they have. We have looked in detail at the different features of spiders, woodlice, slugs and snails. The best part was the learning done outside of the cabin! Looking for all sorts of minibeasts and overcoming some fears! We still have an abundance of frogs on site which always creates a buzz of excitement from the children and adults!

Mulberry, Chestnut and Oak

Forest School was transported back in time to an age of Emperors and soldiers. The three classes had their topic brought to life by taking on different roles associated with Roman times in Britain. We had great fun cooking for the whole Empire, bowing whenever the Emperor or Empress passed by and building ships and bridges to expand the Empire north. We used these experiences to plan and write stories about life as a Roman Soldier. We learnt about tool use and how to safely use and handle different type of tools for a specific purpose. The children made book covers out of wood.

Holly and Maple

Boats and rivers has been the focus of our sessions this term. We looked in detail at different types of boats and why they were fit for purpose. We then designed a 'super boat' and constructed them using the building materials found in the log pile. Unfortunately, both classes had a trip down to the River in the worse rain we have seen this term! The children loved it though, taking part in lots of experiments and learning more about the river from first hand experience. A highlight has been the bridge challenge, where children were given a budget and list of building supplies. They worked in teams to design a build a self support bridge for a toy car.

Willow

Our year six children have used the topic of extreme weather to learn about extreme survival techniques. They have looked in depth about safe and controlled fire use and all children successfully lit a small fire using a spark stone. They have learnt about tool use and how to build waterproof shelters using basic items. All the skills learnt this half term will work towards Mission Survival night; which will be held next half term. This is an exciting event in the year six calendar where children and teachers build dens, light fires and enjoy food around the fire pit in the dark!

As Autumn progresses the weather will inevitably deteriorate, so please could I ask that children come to school with the appropriate clothing for the weather. Children need several layers of thin clothing to trap the warm air. I do have a supply of clothes, coats, hats, scarves and gloves as well as wellies and waterproofs, but bases layers are very important.

Yours sincerely
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