

# Forest school newsletter

## February 2019

Welcome to the first newsletter of the New Year & to the new children that have joined us.

It has been quite a cold start to the year but the children have embraced the weather particularly the snow & enjoyed inventing games to keep them warm.

### Class 1 & Nursery

Have been looking at nocturnal animals & have made some lovely habitats for an owl, fox, & hedgehog with woodland materials & loose parts; whittling a hazel stick to make a magic wand; had great fun using a sledge & having snowball fights; building their independence getting changed.



### Class 2

Class 2 have been very independent in sessions extending their given challenge appropriately. Team games sheep's & wolves & predator & prey have been enjoyed; creating treasure maps; bird feeders; making great imaginative things from a stick; writing a woodland inspired story.

### Class 3

Class 3 have been busy making bug hotels from recycled & natural materials; team games to keep warm; finding a dead pigeon & talking about death - predator v prey; writing woodland/hobbit inspired stories; using the rope swing.



## Class 4

Class 4 have been experimenting with the trajectory of the rope swing; putting up the hammock; playing stick cricket; snowball fights taking into account safety & consent; making a pallet shelter to support their WW2 class theme.

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As it has been very cold children have been encouraged to bring in thicker socks to wear inside their boots, gloves, scarves & a fleece jumper if they wish to keep them warmer during their sessions.

As a result of the pupil questionnaire results myself & Mrs Pattison will be running an after school Forest School club after half term to enable the children to experience the things that they suggested which are difficult to provide in their class session due to time constraints.  
(Separate letter to follow)

We have a "Cadmore End School Forest School" Facebook group should parents/cares wish to join (this is a closed group & only for immediate parent/carers) & is updated weekly.

Can parents that have not yet completed their questionnaire please return them ASAP to enable results to be calculated.

We will be holding another Community Forest School event before the Easter break  
"Easter scavenger hunt"  
which will be for all 3/4 year olds & their parents & carers.

Many Thanks

Mrs Hazell