

Wetheringsett C of E Primary School MAT Newsletter



Autumn 2024

A Celebration of Nature at Wetheringsett School.



At Wetheringsett our rural location means that we are lucky enough to be surrounded by trees. This year the Autumn display of colours has been truly stunning with so many shades of glowing oranges, rich reds and warm yellows. All our classes; Chestnut, Sycamore and Lime, are named after the trees in our school garden, meadow and Forest School woodland.

The first few weeks of term, the children were very excited as the conkers started to fall. They spent their break collecting conkers, seeing how far they could stretch around the playground or making Mandala patterns with them. The playground game yesterday lunchtime was catching leaves as they fell from the trees. This time of year is a true celebration of the wonder of nature.

At our weekly Forest School Sessions, held in our 'Whispering Wood', we celebrate the natural world in all its forms, come rain, wind or shine. Giving children an appreciation and often leading to those spiritual big questions about the world around them. The children develop an understanding and respect for the natural environment as they achieve, and grow in confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in the Forest.

This term some of the activities have included:

Designing, planning and building a Viking Longship,





Investigating empty snake eggs.

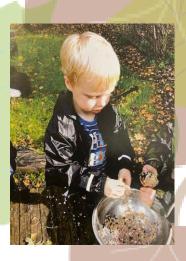
Making damper bread (as they would have done in the Stone Age).

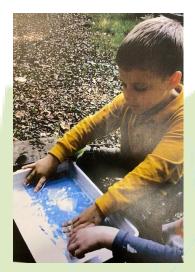




Planting new trees,







Sun paper printing with natural objects



Framing nature.



Having close up looks at beetles



Making a rope swing.

Our Ethos when leaving the wood is "leave no trace". We take away things that we have brought in. Leaving no litter behind, all will be removed. We will always treat others how we would want to be treated ourselves and always with respect. We are respectful to our environment and all that lives in it. Letting nature be celebrated.