

Outdoor Explorers at Home

This week in our Woodland Explorers session, we looked for signs of autumn and learnt how to keep wildlife safe on Bonfire Night. We have retold the story of Bonfire Night and created a piece of outdoor art using natural materials.

To help continue your child's learning, and to do some outdoor exploring at home, try these nature-loving ideas.

Leaf Art

Collect some autumn leaves which have fallen to the ground. Create a piece of outdoor art with them, letting your child's imagination run free.

Animal Hideouts

Create safe spaces in an outdoor area for animals to hide out as the weather turns cooler. This could be a pile of leaves and twigs for insects or rocks, stones and old roof tiles for frogs, toads and newts.

Acorn Pets

Collect acorns and turn them into imaginary pets using any material you like. You could stick cotton wool and twigs to your acorn to make a sheep!

This Weeks Outdoor Explorer Tips

There are lots of things that can be done to help protect wildlife on Bonfire Night:

- Divert hedgehogs, frogs, toads and newts away from bonfires by creating small piles of leaves and logs in different locations.
- Make the bonfire on the day it is being lit.
- With adult help, before the bonfire is lit, check it with a torch for hedgehogs, frogs, toads and newts - if you find any, the adult can remove them carefully, wearing gloves;
- Ask an adult to light any fireworks away from trees and hedgerows to avoid disturbing birds.