



# FOREST SCHOOL

This month at Forest School, year 2 children have been making charcoal over the campfire and using it to create Aboriginal artwork.

The session started with a talk about the fire triangle and the 3 scientific ingredients required to make a fire, which are fuel, oxygen and heat. We then discussed what would happen if we removed one of these ingredients and thought we would do a scientific experiment by removing oxygen. We put willow sticks into a metal tin and closed the lid, which we then placed into the fire. Without the oxygen the willow sticks didn't burn, but instead they turned into charcoal.



We talked about the natural pigments used in traditional Aboriginal art and explored the different colours you can make from soils, clay, flowers, spices and charcoal.

Using Aboriginal images, symbols and designs for inspiration the children created their own drawings using natural pigments.



The children enjoyed some free play time in the forest, before reviewing the activity and finishing the session with the Forest School prayer.

