



FOREST SCHOOL

This month at Forest School, year 5 children completed their second of two 'Free Choice' sessions. During these sessions children have the opportunity to plan and engage in activities of their choice. This allows the children to apply their learning and knowledge from previous sessions.



This photo montage follows the story of Cougar Group 2's second session. The first group chose to build a shelter, which would protect them from the weather and provide a comfortable area to sleep in the forest. They had to remember and utilise the different types of knot to safely secure and tension their shelter, including overhand knots, figure of eights and round turn and two half hitches.



The other groups chose two woodworking activities. One group made notebooks using billhooks to split wood and hand drills to make holes in order to bind their front and back covers together. The third group used bow saws and hand drills to create wooden caterpillars, which they fed with lots of Forest School leaves.



Once they had completed their activities, the children reflected upon whether they had met their learning objectives and considered whether they would do anything differently in the future.

