



Reception Newsletter
Friday 28th April 2017

Brockholes Nature Reserve

This week we had an amazing time visiting the nature reserve. We set off on Wednesday morning with 59 very excited children. Once we arrived at Brockholes the children enjoyed a quick quiz about the habitats of the animals and insects Brockholes had to offer. The children had remembered many of the key facts that they had been taught in class earlier that week. It was great seeing the children so enthused to learn lots of new, interesting facts. Once we had been split into two groups, our first activity was making natural art. The children used sticks, flowers and leaves to recreate some scenes from *The Wind in the Willows*. We also enjoyed turning mud into paint and creating amazing art as well as using clay to make 'tree spirits'.

Throughout the morning all the children were extremely excited about having their packed lunch. For some of the children they said "that was my favourite part of the day". We enjoyed our lunch altogether and we were then refuelled for the afternoon.

The afternoon activity was minibeast hunting. We went into the woods to look for insects and found spiders, woodlice, centipedes and lots of ants. We also went on a hunt to look for all of the animals from the story and even managed to squeeze in a little bit of bird watching.

The children were an absolute credit to the school and to all the parents. Their manners were impeccable and noticed by the staff at Brockholes. It was a pleasure taking all of Reception out and I cannot wait for our next adventure together in the final term. Thank you EYFS.

Next week in Reception

Next week we are going to be taking our learning outside, starting on Monday with a walk around our local community. We are going to be looking for natural resources to make habitats for animals in our field. We will also be looking for inspirational natural artwork like the ones we created at Brockholes. We are also going to be exploring our own field and will be den-making using twigs and sticks from a tree that has sadly had to be chopped down. This will lead us on nicely to thinking about the importance of recycling, being green and caring for God's wonderful world.

In our maths lessons we are going to begin to teach the children all about time. If you could speak with your child over the weekend about this, showing them clocks and beginning to teach them about the large and small hand that would be a great start to their learning.

Notices

Seesaw - Apologies that no photos or comments have been posted on Seesaw since half term. There has been a technical problem with our school i-pad which has now been fixed. I will continue to update you on what your child is up to next week.

Polite reminder

If you would like to speak to me at the end of the school day, please can I remind you that for all of the children's safety you wait either to the side of the gate or in my classroom. Thank you

