



*Highwood  
Round Up  
January 2022*



# Nursery



"I am just writing about the squirrel because I saw one in the garden." Eva

**Wild Week**  
We made binoculars and telescopes and went for a wild walk around the field to see what we could find!



We made our own "Wild Wood" where we could look at books about woodland animals, use the binoculars and do some mark-making.



"We just saw birds, loads of birds, but no hedgehogs or foxes!" Malcolm



**Transient Art**  
We used loose parts to create pieces of art. The best thing was being able to move them around to change our pictures or start all over again!



"It's a house with lots of flowers in the garden. That bit on the house is the doorbell." Rupert



**Yoga**  
We enjoyed doing some Cosmic Kids yoga during PE.



"I already knew how to do it because I have done it before!" Cleo



# Reception

"I found some leaves... some purple leaves"  
Zayan



Wild Week  
What did Jess find in the woods?  
Some eggs! We each had to look after an egg. We made homes for them to keep them safe but some got smashed! Oh dear!



"I didn't think it smelt very nice...it smelt like a pond!" Sophie

Wild Week  
Walking around the school and collecting woodland objects.

"I did not drop mine! I kept it somewhere soft...it would crack!"  
Violet



"It had a short tail and some scales on its body!" - Lillian

We drew a real fish. We looked carefully at the scales and the body of the fish. It was so much fun!

It's chilly!  
Winter is here and we have been exploring the garden. We love it when there is ice for us to smash!



"Sticks! Leaves on the sticks. In the woods." Max



"Ice... on the tray! It was really cold! I stamped on it!" Saskia

Amazing animals - we have been looking at grouping animals. We found out about mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds.

What one are you feeling today Chiara? (Mia)



Wild Week  
Walking around the school site and Fisher's Field.



I liked getting some fresh air and learning about evergreen and deciduous trees. (Lilly)



We went for a walk by the pond. There was a big heron but I didn't see him as he flew away. (Brody)



We also practised collage technique to create our own woods using black and white photos, squirrels using tissue paper and woodland creatures using natural resources.

Here you can see us painting leaves for a whole school display using leaves to print.



I used orange for the body, a bit of brown for the tail. I used a little black for the nose and white for the tummy. (Harvey)



My owl has two big eyes. I enjoyed making it out of nature. (Ivor)



We have been learning about zones of regulation. We identified different feelings and sorted them into a red, yellow, green and blue zone. We played an emotions bingo with our friends discussing which colour the emotion is.



# Wild Week

During Wild Week we learnt to collage. We created a woodland forest using pictures of lots of trees. We then created our own patterned paper to collage a squirrel with. We used hatching and scumbling shading for the patterns. We then made a squirrel to place in our woodland.

All of Year 2 went on a long walk to Fishers Fields to go and explore the woodlands. The children loved being outside, listening to their surroundings and playing amongst the trees and sticks. We wrote about our trip in the style of a diary.



I liked it when we played in the holly cave - Ayla

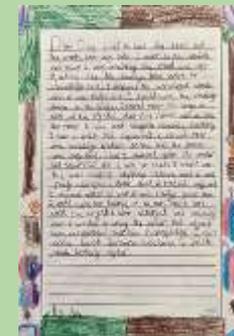
I loved hearing the water flow past. - Aida



I loved where the sticks were all piled up - Eva



I saw a squirrel. It was in a tree eating nuts. - Kyson



Year 2

# Year 3

We started the year with themed learning based around the text 'October, October'. We went on a local walk to Munden Drive Open Space.

There were lots of pointed sticks and branches. Heer

On the way there we counted dogs and lamp posts and recorded it in tally charts. Bradley

We heard the sound of leaves rustling and crunching. Kanish



## Soil

We carried out a soil investigation to find out about the different layers within a soil profile.



We mixed soil in water into a glass jar and shook it really hard. Elif

I saw that the soil sank to the bottom and there was a thin layer of clay. Some bits of leaves floated on the top. Darsh



I really liked it because we got to create something. It was really fun making our robots. Jessica



I liked building the robot and working out where the Lego blocks go and building it up with the instruction sheet. Leo

We started the term with a theme week based on the book 'October, October' by Katya Balen. We went on a walk to a nearby woodland and thought about what we could see, hear, feel and smell.



Year 4



To get there we made a map using Google Earth. On the walk we were counting different sizes of trees for maths, and thinking of descriptive words for writing. It was very cold and there were stinging nettles! Sanvi



When we made the robots it was quite hard. I thought it was impossible at first but, with a little help, we did it! Amalia

I really enjoyed working as a team and having races with our robots. We had to collect the hoops with our robot. Maya

To end our topic on Robots, we were lucky enough to have a workshop where we got to build robots out of Lego. We then got to have a competition to see which group could control their robot and get the most rings to the other side of the arena.



To start our topic of 'Wild Week', we went for a lovely walk in the nearby woods to see what we could hear, see, touch and feel.

I enjoyed the walk and exploring the woods.  
Mahdi



Year 5



In art lessons, we looked at shading and detail. We created some leaves using the skills we learnt.

We were recording what we could see, hear and feel  
Inaya

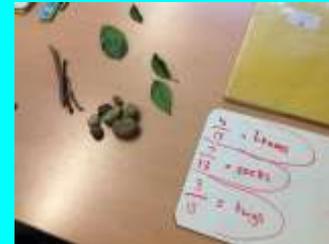


On the walk, we saw different types of plants and animals.  
Millie-Rose



I enjoyed reading 'October October', and it's nice to have the entire school represented by the tree display.  
Gracie

In maths, we collected lots of objects from outside and used these to create fractions.





I like that everyone all took part and worked as a team.  
Isha



I learnt how to do a teddy-bear roll today! Being in a group taught me to have trust in my friends. Aaron.

## Year 6

I really liked when we were making our routines on the floor.  
Mary.



I was a bit afraid about climbing too high incase I fell and hurt myself, but I overcame my fear and climbed higher than my comfort zone. Garv.



I learnt how to do a forward roll. It was good fun. Olaf

I enjoyed getting to climb up high on the ladder and the ropes.  
Elias

