



# NEWSLETTER



## PANCAKE DAY

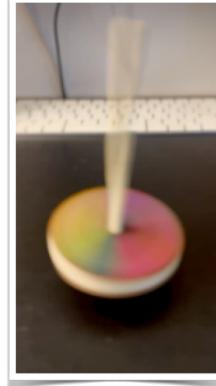
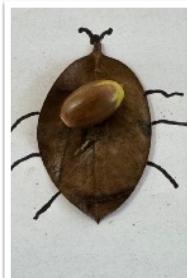
Our end of term tradition continues with pancakes for the last session. We cook them over the open fire and learners can choose from plain, jam or golden syrup to have on them. They are a smash hit every time and it's a great way to finish off. Warm pancakes, what better treat on a cold winter's day?



## LEAF BUGS

With autumn leaves in abundance, we fashioned some leaf bugs. Choosing our leaves carefully, we then added legs and antennae. We used acorns to prevent them from blowing away.

This simple artwork helps us to think about the shapes and bodies of smaller creatures that are no less important to the forest ecosystem.



## YOU SPIN ME RIGHT ROUND

This year, our in timetabled school Forest School sessions include an opportunity to work with tools. Learners will work with a palm drill and sheath knife to help construct a spinning top. We love working in small achievable steps (SAS) building up our skills to achieve a larger objective.



There are different aspects to think about including preparation, design, learning how to use specific tools safely, decision making, operating safely, making estimates of how much wood to remove, testing the fit and spin of the wheel. There are then lots of sub actions going on around these bigger actions.

Not every spinning top is the same. Personal artistic flare, strength of effort, deftness of pressure applied and more all influence the finished piece.

They very rarely turn out 'perfect' but that never stops everyone enjoying having a go at spinning the finished top.

Great effort everyone!





### FOREST GAMES

Part of our free play affords an opportunity to play games.

Some of these might be of a board game style.

Four recent games include Fungi Bowling, Noughts and Crosses, Memory and Super 12.

Our newest addition to the gaming lineup is Super 12, a fast paced adding and subtracting game. Throw the dice and try to capture all your opponents pieces before they capture yours! With a little imagination and a few resources, there's hours of fun to be had.



### QUOTE CORNER

'Whether you think you can, or think you can't - you're right.'

Henry Ford

### FOREST SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Here's a selection of images from this last term of Forest School and Club...



A mast year for acorns and knapper galls from oak trees.



Fabulous fungi and snails in the woodland.



← Handmade Norway Maple leaf bouquets.



Croak! Frog alert. →



Everyone was excited to whip up batches of campfire popcorn again this term. All our learners are able to take part, from the building of the fire, through to the shaking the pan over the fire. No wonder it's a firm favourite!



← Get those marshmallows toasted golden.

All creatures great and small. Tiny snail spotted →

