

Our Forest School Story...

Last year, we began trying to make our wild garden slightly less wild so that we could use it to do forest schools learning. Miss Spaul has been helping us to tame its wilderness! Here's our story in photos!

Last year...

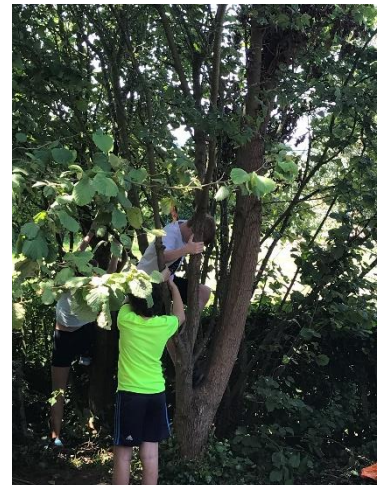


**Miss Spaul
made it safe by
pulling out most
of the
brambles and
nettles first...**



**We worked during lockdown and
summer term to pull out ivy and
nettles and reclaim the pond.**





We worked during lockdown and summer term to pull out We made the pond smaller so that we could walk past it safely and upcycled the sleepers from our old playground planters. They became the pond edge. We worked really hard and even had a hammock out there - we ate lunch outside and started making plans to build a

And then this year... it was very, very overgrown and there were lots of trees that had blown down!



It was a lot of hard work - Mrs Meldrum kindly helped us by donating lots of rubble from their skip and bringing it round in her wheelbarrow (thanks Mrs M!) We filled the old pond with rubble and then covered it over with soil - you would never know it was even there!



Until finally we could
begin to use it to
learn about forest
schools!



Growing herbs and
vegetables



Miss Spaul and Mrs Kelf helped to make the space more
useable for our Forest Schools - Miss S is doing her Level 3
Leader course! We moved the pond and made a big clear
area so we can have a fire circle and make dens. We are
making a smaller pond in the corner, which will be safer for
our younger children.



Learning to use tools for
the right jobs!



Learning to tie knots



Moving materials safely



Building dens using rope and tarp





Whittling skewers with a sheath knife



Laying a fire in different ways



We learned about campfire rules and safety!



Campfire bread kebabs on our skewers



Damper bread, Marshmallows and digestive s'mores, baked bananas and hot chocolate - yum!



This is what we learned...

Red
Don, Alfie, Isobel/Hafsi, Matthew, Alfie

In your groups... On the clipboard brainstorm into the different areas to reflect on your learning...

fire triangle

We roasted bread that we made over the fire

Also do not go to the biscuits

We had a water can with us in case we get lost

it needs TP kindling lean to oxygen fuel and

We covered up the pond so we could have more space to do our fire we got rid of all the plastic space.

We covered the pond so we could have more space.

EBI

pond

cooking

campfires

We wrapped up bananas what had chocolate in it and put it straight into the fire

We made smores with 1 big marshmallow and 2 small marshmallows and 2 chocolate biscuits

We had

den building

We built a high tent and a low tent we put logs in the high tent and in the smaller tent we layed down

We built a den

We planted small sunflowers softball seeds

We planted and in a flower bed

Flowers into small pots gardening and big pots at

What we enjoyed most

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The weather and the food.

and the activities

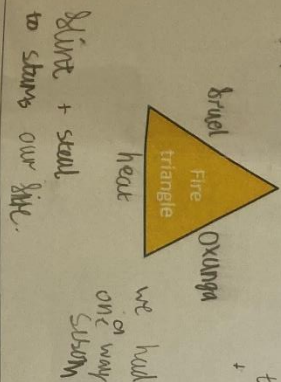
Everything planting

making and eating the bread

I enjoyed building the den

In Your groups... On the clipboard brainstorm into the different areas to reflect on your learning...

We learned ways how to help the word same = 3 finger
different ways how to learn to
type



we covered ~~per se~~ ^{red} ~~white~~ ^{birds} ~~birds~~ ^{shores} ~~shores~~.

then we made hot chocolate. we brushed milk
we lent that something
falls on the floor if it is cooked
it will be okay.

We also made boumas
with chestnut and
marshmallows.

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 +
 much mans
 made
 smooch
 campfires

cooking

he filled up the old pond with gravel and bricks
he ~~empted~~ took the water out

We made it into a fire circle instead.

if we got
to know the
ground in the type

FBI

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same class

How to make a den
I had to use my knot
~~tying~~ tying.
It was fun
sitting in the
den. we also
den building

gardening

Wm

What we enjoyed most

~~www Smores
 the den worked we most enjoyed all
 and the fire of the activities
 was successful.~~

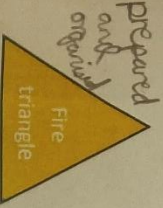
most of all we enjoy things

we learned that it needed
teamwork and the
deans are called
low and high.

we did
gardening
and weed
and plant in
some seeds

In your groups... On the clipboard brainstorm into the different areas to reflect on your learning...

We had exit and emergency bag, first aid kit and fire blanket, covered firelighter



Remain soaked one way system

We learnt that a fire needs fuel, oxygen and heat. We used the campfire to cook. We used the campfire to cook.

Use the campfire to cook. We used the campfire to cook.

We toasted dough to make bread, we ate smores and we made banana splits without ice cream - but with marshmallows, and chocolate buttons instead.

We made a hot chocolate. We used banana in tin foil and put in fire. Boiled milk to make hot chocolate.

cooking

pond

Back fence we filled the pond with rubble and covered it up with mud. We communicated more space now we've moved the place of it.

EBI

the bread didn't taste so good ??? organised? Moved in large.

thatching environmental song gardens at and fairy doors

I can build a den

now

Teamwork

Communication

Low den

High den

planted flowers

when we were back cleared space

we got potatoes

we got all the veggie garden

plants water, sunlight, manure

garden

What we enjoyed most

Eating and cooking. Not doing maths and English. Making a fire.

WWW

Filling in the pond. Our song. Round table. Our banana splits. S'mores. Moving the rubble. Weather.



Confidence



OWL CLASS



Teamwork



Belonging



communication





Tool talk - loppers



Freezing cold digger day!





A little rain and wow lots of herbs lettuce and wild flowers



Adults have fun too!