

# The Enchanted Woodland



If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise!

This half term, we'll visit a woodland, observe the wildlife, collect natural objects and take beautiful pictures of the things we see. After our woodland adventure, we'll write about our experiences and learn all about trees. We'll use information books to investigate woodland creatures and make mini-books of our own. Throughout the project, we will find out how to recognise different plants and animals and create detailed, observational drawings of them. The tale of Hansel and Gretel will inspire us to write our own stories with a woodland theme. We'll build miniature dens, create woodland works of art and construct mini-woodlands from twigs, sticks, pine cones and leaves.

At the end of our project, we'll have so much to share with you. We'll read our stories aloud, create a woodland art gallery, plant seedlings in the school grounds and present a special, woodland-themed assembly.

ILP focus	Creative development
<b>Language, literacy and communication</b>	Information books and letters, lists and instructions, narratives
<b>Mathematical development</b>	Measuring length and height, using money
<b>Personal and social development, well-being and cultural diversity</b>	Feeling positive, looking after the environment
<b>Knowledge and understanding of the world</b>	Plants and animals, identifying and classifying, making maps, sending an email
<b>Physical development</b>	Team games
<b>Creative development</b>	Working with natural materials, drawing and painting, building structures, vegetable orchestra

## Help your child prepare for their project

Woodlands are interesting places. Why not take a woodland walk and see which plants and creatures you can find? Simple spotting books or apps will help you to identify unknown species. Alternatively, visit the local library and borrow information and storybooks about woodland creatures to read together. You could also collect twigs, leaves, seed cases and flowers to make natural art together outside. Remember to take photos before the wind blows your artwork away!