



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.

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!

Suggested text	Hansel and Gretel – Ladybird; Stick Man – Julia Donaldson; The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson
Memorable experience	Visit a local woodland
Innovate challenge	A woodland party for Mr Fox
English	Recounts; Information texts and letters; Lists and instructions; Narratives
Science	Plants and animals; Identifying and classifying
A&D	Working with natural materials; Drawing; Painting
Computing	Email
D&T	Building structures; Making party food
Geography	Making maps
PE	Team games
PSHE	Feeling positive; Looking after the environment
Science investigations	Are all leaves the same? Do pine cones know it's raining? What's in a bud? How do leaves change?