

Forest School News: December 20

This half term year 5 have been enjoying Forest School sessions linked to their studies about Australian Aboriginal stories. The message of one of these stories, The Rainbow Serpent, was that the land would always belong to the people so long as they took good care of it.

We looked carefully for signs of wildlife in the Forest School area and worked together to create a new habitat area for invertebrates.



This area was greatly enhanced by the three beautiful new bug hotels kindly donated by **Westridge Construction**.

The children learned some woodworking skills to make bullroarers which we used in a ceremony where each child shouted out a message about taking care of the environment and then spun a bullroarer to send their message out across the world.



We also learned that 'Bush Tucker' is any food that you find in the wild. Some of the children came to pick rosehips along the path that leads from Furzefield Wood to the railway station. We all tried these in the form of a warm drink made using a syrup flavoured with the rosehips. Rosehips are an excellent source of vitamin C.

