



Autumn Antics


Programme outline




Years 2 & 3

 How do woodland mammals and birds prepare for winter? Do they need to find a warm and dry place to hibernate? Do they collect a store of nuts and acorns to draw on when food is scarce?

 Follow a trail through the woods to discover what hedgehogs, jays and squirrels do in the autumn as they prepare to survive the cold winter months.

 At the end of the trail, have a go at hiding acorns, just like the jay, and test your memory to see if you can find them again at the end of the day.

 Can you keep a small mammal warm enough to survive the winter 'night' and will it still be warm when you come back to check in 'the morning'?

In the afternoon get creative and have a go at finding the full array of colours amongst Leigh Woods' fallen leaves to create an autumn rainbow collage to take back to school.

This can be a full day (10am-2.30pm) or half day (9.30am-11.45am, 12.30pm-2.45pm) programme.

Curriculum links

Science: identifying animals in their habitats and how they are suited to it; finding out how different habitats and microhabitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. **Art:** exploring a range of techniques and materials using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

Learning Message

To help others appreciate, connect with and learn about the importance of trees and to understand the role of woodland as a habitat, as a place of wellbeing and a source of materials.