



Spring awakening

This week we have been celebrating the return of the light in our Forest School sessions. We had noticed that the days were getting longer, it is light when we finish after school clubs now.

At forest school, to echo this we made earth candles, by digging small holes in the earth and placing a wick inside, then pouring in wax. We sat in a circle around our lit candles and made wishes for our school, and our wider community of family, plants and animals.

We are all excited that the earth is awakening, the bulbs are coming up and the birds seem to be singing louder, a robin came to sing to us in the log circle to let us know that was true.

We made Brigit's crosses, a traditional weaving made at this time, representing the union of the four elements, and we followed Brigit the ancient goddess of Imbolc. Wherever she walked the snowdrops sprung up beneath her feet, but a flurry of snow often followed her, a reminder that the warmer weather is a while away.

By Helen D'Ascoli (Forest School teacher).

Chestnut Biologists

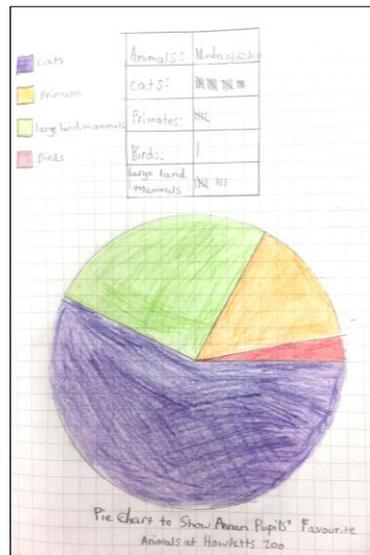
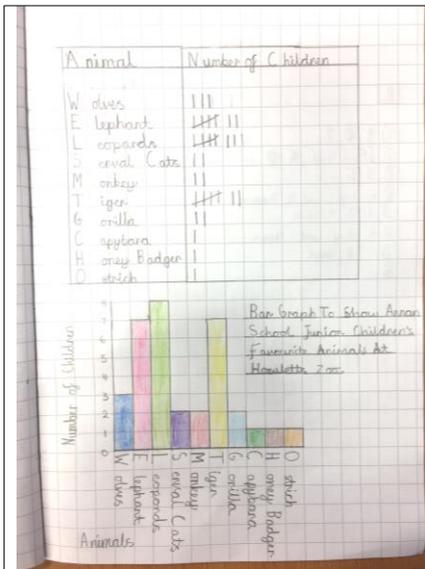


Chestnuts transformed into biologists this week, learning how to classify animals – both vertebrates and invertebrates – and investigating the types of animals they could find in Half acre in the winter!

They found crustaceans (woodlice), molluscs (snails and slugs), plenty of insects, worms, spiders, birds, mammal traces (badger tracks and molehills) and even reptiles (a group of hibernating lizards!)



“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.” – Anatole France



Animal Survey

Elder Class carried out a survey asking all the junior children questions about the trip to Howletts Zoo. They collated all the information into tables which they presented as graphs. Year 5's made a bar chart and Year 6's made a pie chart. By Rufus.



Anthony Brown writing

Chestnuts and Willows had fun reading and studying different books by Anthony Browne this week and learning how he writes and illustrates. They enjoyed learning together and using their creative minds to imagine a night-time trip to the zoo.

Animal portraits in chalk

Willow Class explored different ways to use chalk on black paper to create interesting textures. They then applied their new skills to create an animal portrait. The results were stunning and are now on display in their classroom.



Annan Eco Clothes Swap

Friday 11th February 3.15pm

In the playground

Bring 5 items of lovely but unwanted clothes and take home 5 items of lovely clothes in exchange

Collection box in hall entrance next week

Organised by Annan School Eco Committee

Menu for next week:

Monday: Soup and Sourdough

Tuesday: Tacos

Wednesday: Lasagne and Salad

Thursday: Shepherd's Pie and Veggies

Friday: Packed Lunch