

# Outdoor Learning – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

## Around our Grounds



So many things live and grow in our school grounds. We set about mapping our grounds at Shalfleet, trying to identify which species share our school.



Reference books helped us to identify trees, flowers and mushrooms (we are very careful around mushrooms and never touch them).



Mammals, birds and invertebrates often leave clues when they visit such as poo, footprints and nibbled food, so even if we don't see them, we might know they have been. It was pretty hard to record things in the wind and rain, but you can take a look at our efforts here:



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We identified willow, ash, oak, hazel, sycamore, wild service and beech trees, some holes in the ground we think might be homes for mice and a place where a mammal (maybe a fox or a



rabbit) sneaks under the hedge. We are hoping to catch whatever it is on the wildlife camera...more news next week!





With the wind threatening to blow us away this week, we had to batten down the hatches at Yarmouth and keep safe indoors. What an opportunity to have a hand in designing our new garden area at our new school site!



There was a real buzz in the classrooms and everyone shared their ideas to their class. We would love to build a new mud kitchen and have an area for building, but we thought of making some structures to play on or shelter in as well as music and book nooks. Our trees and planters will be bursting with our favourite fruit and veg next summer and we will add some colourful flowers to make our garden beautiful! It is so exciting to have the opportunity to build something together.



Have a look at our gallery to see our amazing ideas for our new space:

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