

# Outdoor Learning – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

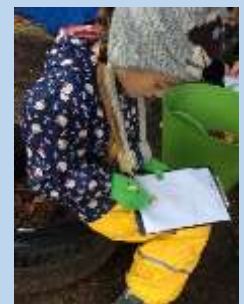
## Leaf Life

*Well that old windy weather keeps coming along and blowing our plans out of the window, but we know how to make the most of an opportunity!*

*In autumn, trees lose their leaves so they can have a rest and gather their strength to grow new ones in the spring. Some leaves decompose more quickly than others and some get helped along the way by creatures that eat and excrete them. If you're really lucky you might find a skeleton leaf that only has its veins remaining. The hummus created by the leaf litter adds nutrients to the soil that help feed the tree – a life cycle!*

*We compared leaves in different states of decomposition and tried to guess how long it was since they had fallen off the tree. Some trees have already started making buds ready for springing into life next year.*

*Leaves are great for making art – we tried making leaf rainbows, taking rubbings and raking them into patterns.*



In the Yarmouth, we tried to find the windiest spot on the field so we could chase the leaves we had collected. Some of us can run faster than the wind! It was fun predicting which way the leaves would blow and trying to catch them.



We still found time for building marble runs,



getting messy in the mud kitchen, building nests,



weeding and digging the garden beds,



leveling the bench,



building a compost bin and feeding the birds!

