



## Question of the Month

We asked about	
Benefits of outdoor play	
You said	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are relaxed and calm</li> <li>• Feeling and hearing nature</li> <li>• Gaining an understanding of the planet</li> <li>• Fresh air</li> <li>• Playing with natural materials</li> <li>• Positive mental health</li> <li>• Experience different weather</li> <li>• Caring for the environment</li> <li>• Supports development</li> <li>• Imaginative play - den building, loose parts</li> <li>• Understand nature</li> <li>• Sometimes it fun to just get messy!</li> <li>• Learning safety</li> <li>• Develop gross motor skills</li> <li>• Variety of learning opportunities</li> <li>• Enhance natural curiosity</li> <li>• Exercise</li> <li>• Age appropriate risk assessing</li> <li>• Develop respect for surroundings and especially living 'things' such as plants and insects or animals</li> <li>• Learning how to move their bodies in a safe way</li> <li>• Getting lots of fresh air to aid with sleep and health</li> </ul>	
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How can we improve our outdoor environment	
You said	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More opportunities to use the larger playground</li> </ul>	

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- Opportunity for snack and lunch to be offered outside
- The developments of the bark area are positive
- Outdoor area is looking great with recent developments
- Provide a shelter
- Continue to provide outdoor learning, utilising the forest
- opportunity to use bikes
- Use of wheelbarrows and real life tools
- Access the community
- Provide opportunities for children to be creative and curious in play.
- The forest walks have been well received and extending this - perhaps to a local beach would be good.
- I feel the outdoor space is great for the children and it's always improving. I have seen recently more opportunity's for climbing, jumping and role playing. As well as having books outside for literacy. Also having the small world toys to aid the role play but also extend the use of fine motor skills

#### **We did**

- We plan to continue to develop our outdoor space, making this a high quality learning environment.
- This term outdoor learning will continue with Mrs Shepherd on a Tuesday afternoon, ante-pre school children will have the opportunity to explore the forest.
- We have looked into links within the local community such as asda and a local care home, however we have not had much luck in gaining a response. If anyone has any links within the local community please let us know!
- In the nicer weather snacks are offered outside, the children love a picnic snack!